



The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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Upland Youth Take In Blue Rocks Game



The annual borough-sponsored excursion to a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Aug. 9...



...once again proved to be a fun night for all.



This photo of the demolition of the vacated residence at 1100 Main Street was taken on March 15, 2013.



...As of late-May, construction of the newest campus of the Chester Community Charter School was in full swing.



...By mid-June, the three-story school was under roof.



...And by mid-July, the finishing touches were being applied to the building exterior.



This photo, taken in mid-August, shows the completed school and what the corner of 11th & Main looks like today.

Community Charter School Ready To Start Classes

The Upland campus of the Chester Community Charter School is completed and will be ready to hold classes in September, as planned. Located at 1100 Main Street, the new school will be offering a FREE full-day Kindergarten program to children who turned 5 on or before September 30, in addition to instruction for elementary grades 1-5.

Two open house events and a carnival were held in August to welcome parents and students. As of Aug. 24, 258 grade-schoolers had signed up for the inaugural year of classes at the Upland campus.

To obtain an enrollment application or more information, call CCCS at **610-447-0400** or visit the website at **www.chestercommunitycharter.org**.

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Main St. Elementary Spared Closure By Enrollment Increase

The potential closure of Main Street Elementary School has haunted many Upland grade-school students and their families for most of 2013, ever since state-appointed Receiver Joseph Watson announced that school closures and consolidations would be among the drastic measures needed to get the Chester-Upland School District back into the black for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Much to the delight of those concerned families, in mid-August, the CUSD projected an enrollment increase of about 600 students in the upcoming school year, which meant that the closure of Main Street Elementary and the C-U School of Arts could be put on hold, at least for the time being.

According to C-U District Superintendent Gregory Shannon, district-wide enrollment totals that were expected to be around 2,200, were pumped up to an estimated 2,800 by a promotional campaign that urged defecting families to reconsider public schools over parochial or charter school options.

"We have been working feverishly to ensure that we develop and provide safe, healthy, and nurturing school environments for all of our children," said Shannon.

The start of another year at Main Street Elementary has been tentatively slated for **Tuesday, Sept. 3**.

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New Fire Engine To Be Officially Housed

The bright red 30-foot-long Squad 57 that was built in Wisconsin exclusively for the Upland Fire Co. was delivered to its new home April 4. The fully-outfitted vehicle went into service around Memorial Day.

The \$750,000 truck carries a 500-gallon water tank; has its own cascade system for refilling air tanks; and transports a driver and five firemen wearing air bottles, plus two passengers on drop seats.

Upland Fire Company No. 1 will be the host station for the annual Delaware County Fireman's Association Convention housing parade on Saturday, Oct. 12. The spectacular procession will feature fire vehicles from across the county in celebration of the official housing of Upland's new Squad 57.

Citizens Police Academy Cleared For Launch

Acting on advice and information from retired Brookhaven Police Chief John Eller, Borough Council recently voted unanimously in approving the start-up of a Citizens Police Academy (CPA), which will allow Upland residents to attend a series of educational classes and presentations to learn more about police work.

No timetable has yet been established, but borough officials would like to get a CPA program underway before year end.

Eller came before Borough Council in April to suggest that Upland might want to start a Citizens Police Academy like Brookhaven has offered since 1997. Eller noted that the PA State Police are actively involved in setting up such programs, and there are state grants available for seed money.

According to Eller, Brookhaven's Citizens Police Academy program has held a total of 18 classes and graduated a total of 445 residents, who have ranged in age from 13 (with parental guidance) to senior citizens. Graduates have often gone on to get involved in local Town Watch programs, he said.

While the Brookhaven program has offered free instruction on such topics as CPR/first aid, K-9 police work, firearms safety, bomb disposal, arson and crime scene investigation, and crisis negotiation, a comparable program in Upland can be custom tailored.

"We are committed to doing educational programs, and this will be just one more offering to the community," said Council President Ed Mitchell.

All property owners are responsible for keeping the grass under a maximum height of 6 inches.

Residents are reminded: Whether you do your own grass cutting or hire a professional, clippings must be swept up from the street and sidewalk areas and discarded with the trash.

Grass clippings left along the curb line often end up clogging storm drainage inlets, which is a major cause of roadway flooding.

Church Food Bank Offers Help

The Upland Baptist Church Food Bank has been helping low-income borough families meet their grocery needs for the past 45 years.

Dry goods, canned foods, and bakery items come to the UBCFB through individual contributions, corporate donations (such as Giant in Brookhaven), and purchases from Philabundance. Basic staples such as cereal, tuna, pasta, soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, and any type of quick-meals are always in need.

Any Upland residents can be UBCFB recipients, with proof of residency and an annual income that is less than \$17,235 for a single person. Add \$6,030 for each additional person in a household to determine the applicable yearly income limit.

Bags of groceries can be picked up by a registered recipient every Wednesday, from 9-10am, in the church basement, while bi-weekly deliveries are made to senior citizens and handicapped persons. About 35 grocery bags are loaded with food stuffs every Tuesday morning by a group of volunteers, with the bag count jumping close to 60 when deliveries are made to seniors every other week. If your family could benefit from the generosity of others, please contact Louise Sauk at **610-876-1857** or call the church office at **610-874-7474**.

Share A Recipe

This Share A Recipe was submitted by Darlene Strunk of Griffith St., who offers not one, but two delicious desserts:

Cherry Crumb Pie

Ingredients: 2 pre-made pie crusts, 2 cups flour, 2 cups brown sugar, 1 cup butter, 1 teaspoon almond flavoring, and 2 cans of cherry pie filling
Directions: Mix topping ingredients (butter, flour, brown sugar) in bowl by cutting butter into dry ingredients until crumbs form; Fill pie shells with cherry pie filling, adding ½ teaspoon of almond flavoring to each pie; Top pies with crumbs. Bake at 400 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until crust is lightly browned and bubbly. Cool before serving.

White Christmas Pie

Ingredients: 2 pre-made (9-inch) pie shells, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon Knox gelatin, 1½ cups milk, 3 egg whites, ¼ cup cold water, 4 tablespoons flour, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ teaspoon vanilla, ¼ teaspoon almond extract, ½ cup whipping cream (whipped stiff), ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar, 1 cup flaked coconut

Directions: Add gelatin to cold water and set aside; Mix flour, salt, milk, and ½ cup of sugar in saucepan, then cook over low heat, stirring until mixture comes to a boil, then remove from heat after 1 minute; Stir in softened gelatin, then cool; When partially set, beat mixture until smooth, then blend in vanilla, almond extract, and whipped cream.

In separate bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff, then add ½ cup sugar and beat until soft peaks form; Fold into gelatin mixture, then fold in flaked coconut.

Divide mixture into pre-baked pie shells, adding a sprinkle of coconut to the top of each pie; Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

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New Twist On Proverbs

A first-grade teacher asked her students to complete some familiar proverbs and got some interesting new endings to old saws:

Strike while the...bug is close.

Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty.

Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.

**Laugh and the whole world laughs with you,
cry...and you have to blow your nose.**

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Annual Labor Day Fireworks

Sunday, Sept. 1

Show starts at dusk at Bristol Lord Field;
Refreshments & glow sticks available at pavilion

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Night

(For children pre-K thru 6th grade)

Starts at 6:30pm every Monday from Sept. 9 thru May 19 at Upland Baptist Church

*No VBS on Mondays that conflict with holidays, including Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 23 & 30, et al.

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 28 at MacQueen Hall

4 to 7pm ... TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

Spaghetti & meatballs dinner includes salad bar, garlic bread, desserts, and beverages

Tickets (Adult-\$8, Senior-\$6, Children under 10-\$4) will be sold at the borough office and at the door

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Grocery Bingo Returns!

1-4pm at Upland Baptist Church

on last Saturday of Sept.-Nov. and Jan.-April

Fun for the entire family!

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Landingford Plantation Clean-up Day

Starts at 8:30am on Saturday, Oct. 5

All volunteers are welcome to join this semi-annual effort to spruce up the grounds of the historic Caleb Pusey House on Race Street.

Bring work gloves; Tools will be provided

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Annual Youth Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 26

4-6pm at MacQueen Hall

For borough youth up to 13 years of age – ID required

Entertainment, refreshments, prizes for best costumes!

Website Provides Valuable Info

Visit www.uplandboro.org to find an expanded version of the borough's monthly newsletter, a current events calendar, historical narratives, public health notices, borough ordinances, council meeting minutes, live surveillance video feeds, and lots of photo galleries of recent community events.

To share photos or information, send email to

mcrawford@uplandboro.org

Thanks to Harvey Martin, Facebook members can enjoy historic photos and stories by visiting the

"Remembering Upland, PA" group page at www.facebook.com/groups/334480793300363



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Upland campus of the Chester Community Charter School on Aug. 24, with Principal Christine Matijasich and CCCS CEO Dr. David Clark doing the honors.

Welcome Day Rescheduled

The Welcome Day celebration that was planned for Landingford Plantation on Race Street on May 11 will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013**.

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House are looking forward to offering: **colonial crafters and re-enactors, free antique appraisals, guided tours, and delicious food fare** (baked goods, roasted corn-on-the-cob, and hot dogs with 'kraut or chili). Free tours of the Pusey House (built in 1683) are available every weekend from May thru October.



A crowd of about 100 locals turned out on Aug. 10 to join in the fun at Resurrection Life Church's 25th anniversary Neighborhood Block Party on Church Street, where the food servers and face-painters were kept busy all day.

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Hundreds of 6-year-old Aryn Strigle's (holding sign) family and friends, many of whom arrived on their motorcycles, attended the 4th Annual Aryn's Helping Hands event on Aug. 24 to defray medical bills for local cancer patients.

(Look for story in October edition)



Borough Electrical Inspector James Skulski is certified by the International Code Council and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Uniform Construction Code. He owns and operates his family's 61-year-old electrical contracting business, and was appointed to handle residential and commercial inspections in 2007.

MEET YOUR LEADERS

We asked Borough Electrical Inspector Jim Skulski:

1. What is unique about Upland Borough?

...I'm amazed at the history in the borough and the stories that the long-time residents tell. It's fascinating!

2. What led you to public service?

...My father was in public service for most of his life, so it just became a natural part of mine. It's just second nature to help those around me.

3. What are your priorities for the borough's future?

...To keep the standards high for electrical work done in the borough. Right now, there are those who take advantage of folks for their own gain, while disregarding the safety and well-being of our residents.

4. What personal achievement are you most proud of?

...Raising four wonderful children to adulthood without losing my entire head of hair! Being a licensed minister, I've also been able to perform two of my children's marriage ceremonies – Incredible!

5. What was the most significant event in your lifetime?

...Accepting Jesus Christ as my personal savior in 1979. I consider it a completely transforming event.

6. What is your pet peeve?

...Seeing people go nuts over celebrities

7. What or who makes you laugh?

...Comedian Brian Regan

8. What is your all-time favorite movie?

...It's A Wonderful Life

9. What is must-see TV in your home?

...Cops

10. If you could have a long chat with anyone (past or present), who would you choose?

...Jesus, of course. Who better?

RLC Thrift Shop Re-opens

The Church Street Thrift Shop, located at Resurrection Life Church on the corner of 8th & Church, will be re-opening on **Saturday, Sept. 7**, after a summer hiatus. The thrift shop is open to the public from **10am-2pm** on the first and second Saturday of each month, from September thru June.

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Residents Must Help To Stop Trash Pickers

The practice of picking through curbside trash and recycling containers to remove items of value is illegal in Upland. Prohibited in the borough code, curbside picking can lead to citations of up to \$600 for regular trash items and a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$1,000 for recyclable items.

Pickers often leave a mess after rooting through piles of trash, and when pickers remove recyclables from the trash stream, they are stealing from borough taxpayers, who are credited for the tonnage of recycling collections. The more recycling collected, the lesser the borough's trash bill.

In an effort to bring this messy and fiscally-draining practice of trash picking to an end, Borough Council is asking residents to be vigilant on trash days (every Monday and Thursday) and recycling days (first and third Fridays of each month). Since pickers generally work in the early morning hours and move through the town fairly quickly, catching them in the act is often difficult for the police officers on duty. But that is where residents can help.

Any resident who observes a trash-picker in action is urged to call 911 immediately to give a description of the offenders and their vehicle. A call to the borough office (**610-874-7317**) is also requested, as even small tidbits of information will eventually add up and give police enough data to identify the culprits. Taking a cellphone photo of illegal pickers would also be useful for police analysis.

"Our ordinance is only as good as our enforcement, and it is difficult to enforce without the help of the public," noted Councilman Harold R. Peden.

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Upland Slates Electronic Recycling Day

In keeping with recent changes to recycling laws, which ban electronic items from regular recycling collections, Upland Borough will hold one more special **Electronic Recycling Day** on **Saturday, Oct. 26**. On this date, a small collections trailer will be parked in the MacQueen Hall lot from **9am to 1pm**, when residents can drop off any electronic recyclables.

Electronic recyclables include electric toys and games, computers, laptops, monitors, keyboards, printers, copiers, fax machines, projectors, phonographs, TVs, radios, electric typewriters, VCR/DVD players, video cameras, answering machines, cassette players/recorders, CDs and DVDs, all types of telephones, and calculators.

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Heavy Trash Not For Electronics

Collections of bulk trash items are made on the last Wednesday of the month, which is **Sept. 25**. Residents must notify the borough office in advance for all bulk pickups and items must be placed **curbside by 6 am** on collection day.

Bulk trash does not include electronic items like computers and televisions – such items will be collected at special events (from 9am-3pm) at Rose Tree Park on **Sept. 12** (Thurs.); and Upper Chichester Municipal Building on **Oct. 19** (Sat.).

First Section Of Fence Pending

The first 554 linear feet of wrought iron fence (representing about a quarter of the total scope of the project) will soon be installed atop the stone wall along Main Street in Auburn Village. The work will be done by Ellis Construction at a cost of \$8,750, after a change order was tacked on to the contract for Auburn Village concrete repairs.

The fence will be 4-feet-high, and will help keep pedestrian traffic off the grass and on the sidewalks.

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Flood Safety Awareness

Could Save Your Life and/or Property

Every year in the United States, flooding claims nearly 100 lives and causes an average of \$8 billion worth of property damage. To highlight these frightening facts, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are offering valuable flood safety tips online at www.ready.gov/floods, while information on how to obtain a flood insurance policy can be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

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Residents Should Sign Up For Emergency Phone Service

To enjoy the full benefits of the borough's information phone service, residents with unlisted phone numbers should call the borough office at **610-874-7317** to register. The automated service was instituted in 2009 to keep borough residents informed of upcoming community events, but is also utilized in the event of a borough-wide emergency.

The value of being kept informed became apparent during Superstorm Sandy last October. After the storm, over a dozen households called the borough office to get their names added to the calling list. Don't be left out of the information loop. Register your home with the borough for safety sake.

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11th St. Extension Cannot Be Restricted

A Mulberry Street resident recently came before Borough Council with the offer of a fair compromise. If you must build the extension (to link Mulberry Street to Hill Street) to create another emergency access to Crozer-Chester Medical Center, then restrict the new roadway to emergency use only, the concerned citizen suggested.

Unfortunately for like-minded neighbors, who may not like the new road now, the \$38,000 public improvement project was funded by a county grant, which means that the borough cannot place restrictions on the public thoroughfare.

Council President Ed Mitchell noted that the 250-foot-long extension now under construction is just Phase 1 of the 11th Extension Project. Phase 2 will be construction of another section of roadway that will connect Hill Street to West 24th Street.

"You'll be surprised how many of your neighbors will use the extension as a convenient shortcut to the shopping center," one Council member predicted.

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Upland Now Owns Reese Center

The vacated U.S. Army Reserve complex that sits on West 24th Street has now officially been deeded over from the federal government to the Borough of Upland. A quitclaim deed was finalized in early June, transferring ownership of the 5-acre facility to the borough at no cost.

With an estimated value of roughly \$5 million, the 5-acre Reese Center is comprised of three large buildings, all enclosed in a fenced compound.

The former Army depot was named after James William Reese of Chester, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the Sicily campaign of World War II.

The borough is planning an official Reese Center dedication ceremony for later this year. Borough Council plans to convert the complex into a community center, utilizing revenue generated by the parking tax.

"This is...something our administration has been planning for years," Council President Ed Mitchell said of obtaining the Reese Center keys. "We haven't placed any burden on the taxpayers, and the money has already been appropriated to secure the future of the children and provide athletic programs for the community."



On June 17, this group of volunteers from Upland Fire Co. #1 brought back, unloaded, and reset the antique furnishings of the historic Pusey House on Race Street, after the fire company had taken the heavy furniture to higher ground to protect it from floodwaters earlier in the month.

Flooding Near-Misses Show Readiness

After about 7 inches of rain had fallen on our region during the first week of June, the potential for the flooding of Chester Creek was very high, as the swollen stream crested to its banks twice, but eventually receded each time.

Last year's dredging underneath the Kerlin Street bridge was tested for the first time, but even large tree branches passed under the bridge and did not create the bottleneck that so often has exacerbated flooding conditions in the lower end of Upland.

Beyond the apparent success of the bridge project, the state of readiness displayed by borough and emergency personnel was also impressive.

At the June 11 Council meeting, special recognition was given to the preparedness of the Upland Police Department, the Public Works Department, Upland Fire Co. # 1, and the borough office.

Kudos were extended to the Upland firefighters who carried the antique furnishings of the historic Pusey House to safety, then later returned to put them back in place, earning the eternal gratitude of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House.

"With all the rain we've had and the potential for flooding, I think everyone has done a great job," said Council President Ed Mitchell. "That creek was up there, and we just missed being flooded."



This crew of volunteers served up plenty of free food during the annual Family Picnic in Bristol Lord Field. The Memorial Day event has been co-sponsored by Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches for the past 10 years.

Upland Chows Down At Picnic

The annual Memorial Day picnic at Bristol Lord Field has become a community staple over the last decade. Co-sponsored by the Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches, the picnic was blessed by beautiful weather on May 27, which helped lead to a record 438 plates of food served this year.

In addition to the wide variety of homemade salads and cupcakes that were consumed during the three-hour event, guests also ate 356 hot dogs, 368 hamburgers, 86 lbs. of baked beans, and 430 bags of potato chips.

And while the free all-you-can-eat lunch was being served up, three face-painters were kept busy all day transforming the faces of Upland's youth.

A community-wide thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers from both churches, with a special shout-out reserved for tireless grillmeisters Tony Butler, Chuck Siple, and Anthony Dorsey.



Members of Marine Corps League Detachment 288 gather around the Vietnam-era howitzer that was recently installed at their Sixth Street headquarters as a 'gateway piece.'

Successful Fundraisers Benefit Everyone



(Above) The carnival that visited Bristol Lord Field from May 21-25 raised \$4,000 that will be used by the Community Affairs Committee to fund other free family-oriented events. (Below) The June 8 Flea Market & Bake Sale in MacQueen Hall provided bargain hunters with some excellent deals and raised over \$300 that will help defray costs for Upland Senior Citizen Club activities and field trips.



MacQueen Hall Makeover Completed

With the delivery of new chairs and the installation of new carpeting on the second floor and new lighting in the hallway of MacQueen Hall this spring, a three-year makeover of the stately building is now complete.

Built by John P. Crozer to be the social hub of the borough, the former Civic Association Building has been completely overhauled to celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Beyond the outdoor addition of a separate police headquarters in 2010 and an emergency generator earlier this year, the interior renovations include colorful wall murals, a gas fireplace, new council chairs and desk, and an audio system in the downstairs public meeting room, while the spacious second floor has benefited from new paneling and the installation of a wet bar.

The combination of improvements have generated "a lot, and I mean a lot" of requests to rent out MacQueen Hall for private functions, according to Building & Grounds Committee Chairwoman Sandra Miazza. For information on rental rates and available dates, call the borough office at 610-874-7317.

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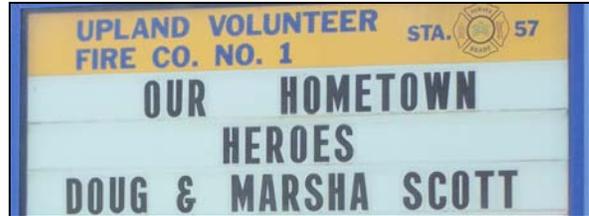
Auburn Village Phase III Upgrades Near Completion

Coinciding with the effort to renovate MacQueen Hall has been a three-year program to overhaul the borough-owned Auburn Village apartment complex. Phase III of those improvements will be completed this summer.

The installation of another 25 rear and screen doors was completed in June, along with the cleaning of

rain gutters, while the replacement of damaged sidewalk sections and patios was started in early July, according to Auburn Village Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson.

The contract for Auburn Village concrete work was awarded to low-bidder Ellis Construction of Glen Mills, whose bid of \$35,000 was within the amount budgeted for concrete repairs.



The marquee outside the firehouse says it all about the two Upland firefighters who recently came to a neighbor's aid.

Great Scott! ... Fireman Hailed As Hero

On the afternoon of July 9, married Upland firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott were returning home from a fire call when they heard a commotion at the doorway of an elderly Auburn Village resident, as a young man forced his way inside the apartment and slammed the door behind him.

Doug Scott then did what all emergency responders are trained to do – He got involved. Able to hear that the intruder was assaulting the woman, Scott began kicking down the locked front door, causing the young assailant to flee out the back door.

Police are still searching for the light-skinned black male, who had stated his intent to rape the victim. Meanwhile, a grateful community gives a sincere thank you to dedicated volunteer Firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott, who may well have saved a neighbor's life.



The free breakfast that was prepared and served up to Upland senior citizens by Community Affairs Committee volunteers on June 24 drew an appreciative crowd to MacQueen Hall.



Families Flock To July 4th Funfest



The Fourth of July Family Picnic provided an opportunity for Upland kids, including Emma Wallace of Clearwater Lane (above) and cousins Jordana Long of Fern Lane and Alexandria Hartman of Church Street (below), to show off just how cute they are.



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While other residents enjoyed some quality time between grandparents and grandchildren...



...and, of course, the many cool and fun activities that were offered at the family-oriented event on this hot summer day.

Resurrection Life Church Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

On June 23, the congregation of Resurrection Life Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding and the 10th anniversary of moving to its current location on the corner of Eighth and Church Streets in Upland.

Founded by Pastor Bryan McGrouty and his wife, Patty, services at Resurrection Life Church were first held at the Christian Academy in Middletown, then moved to the Praise Center in Eddystone. Then in July 2003, in the wake of the closure of the Upland Methodist Church, the RLC flock bought the historic corner site to establish its permanent home. The RLC sanctuary dates back to 1873, when the original pulpit faced Eighth Street. A parsonage was added in 1882, and a major renovation in 1926 saw the addition of a bell tower and Sunday School rooms, while the sanctuary interior was turned 180 degrees to today's westward-facing orientation. The interior renovations completed over the last decade are many, including new floor tiles and carpets, improved lighting and audio systems, and a fresh coat of paint, all of which serve to brighten the sanctuary. A new roof for the building is the next project pending on the to-do list.

The Church Street Thrift Shop opened at the church in 2007, and continues to operate today.

Most RLC Sunday services, which start at 10:30am, draw 50-60 worshipers, but the special anniversary celebration packed the house with 117 supporters, guests and members, past and present.

The celebratory service included guest speaker Apostle Thurlow Switzer, who called the RLC congregation "a spiritual city of God, set upon a hill," while a dozen member testimonials used words like "home," "friendship," and "compassion" to describe their RLC experience.

Praise music was provided by three guitars, an organ (played by Patty McGrouty), and drums, while the worshipers shared several tambourines and maracas to help set the beat.

A card was given to the McGroutys from the entire congregation, expressing their gratitude for the couple's dedicated leadership in the name of God.

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