

Reaching U.P.

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Our New Piano

As you know, our new piano was purchased through a generous donation by Dr. Matthew Parmenter and Jennifer Koberstein in loving memory of their parents, Harlan and Dorothy Parmenter. The gift was celebrated with a dedication concert in November, 2012. Our organist, Dr. Jeeyoon Kim, entertained with several classical pieces played on the new piano.

When asked why this piano was selected, the answer is simple. The church needed a high quality concert piano at an appropriate cost.

The Brodmann Piano was originally made in Vienna, founded by Joseph Brodmann in 1796. He is credited with improvements to the piano, most notably for the



placement of the soundboard. This increased the quality of the instrument along with the sound. The piano did well, but competition set in; the line ceased to exist for some time. It was brought back into production in the late 1990's, as an affordable option to the masses. After a

few change of hands the brand continued to bring success worldwide. The Brodmann piano continues to be a high quality piano with increased sales. A heartfelt thank you to those donations. Our new piano has blessed our service.

Announcements!!

Per Capita –

It's that time of year again when we ask members who are able, to pay their per capita assessment to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. The amount is the same as last year \$29.33 per member.

UKirk to Lead Service

Mark your calendars for April 7th, when the students from the UKirk ministry will lead our worship service. This is a great time to support the students and to see their ministries grow.

Thank you, Allen!

Allen Pease is stepping down from preparing the Reaching U.P. newsletter. He has done an amazing job for years. Thank him personally for his service to UPC. The Membership Committee will now be trying to fill that role!

Letter from the Pastor



A very thoughtful and provocative theologian, Marcus Borg, has made an important observation about present day Christians. He suggests they reflect two different paradigms of viewing and embracing the nature of the Christian life (and Christ!). The first is “belief-centered”, as in, to be an authentic Christian one has to first believe in certain tenets of the faith. This would include the Virgin Birth, all the miracles of Jesus as super-natural, perhaps the theory of creationism, The creeds of the church and, usually, the literal interpretation of scripture. The second paradigm is “way-centered” as in, **Jesus** is the “Way” to be followed and while beliefs **are** important, following the “encountered” Jesus and living accordingly is of equal value.

That noted, our sacred traditions as enshrined in our historical beliefs serve to safeguard what I would call “religious adventurism”, and serve as a valuable counterpoint to what one may identify as his/her “encounter” of Jesus. In short, some “way-centered” Christians may be way off, and following a false savior.

And that noted, I personally came to embrace Jesus as my Lord and Savior long before I had the slightest knowledge, much less understanding, of any ecclesiastical system of beliefs. In short, for me Jesus has always been the “Way”. And what “beliefs” I have studied only enhance my appreciation of Jesus but have had little or nothing to do with my passionate fellowship with Him.

What defines me as a disciple of Christ is not the acceptance of a received belief system (though I enjoy and accept much of it) but that a long time ago I came to know Jesus, and followed him.

So do what I do. Follow Jesus, with an eye on the blessed belief systems as a means to stay on the Path.

Spring is coming. I believe.
Affectionately,

Updates

CORRECTION TO THE UPC FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEW DIREC- TORY

Please note the following error that made it into the new directory in spite of careful proof-reading. On the fifth page in, under Church Officers, some of the names of the members of the Endowment, Gifts, and Memorial Committee are incor-rect. The correct names are: Don Root-chair, Michelle Heit-ink, Gerrit Heitink, Lance Like (member at large), Aline Haddad (inactive Deacon), and Bob Lorimer.

From the Colby's (His Eyes)

Valerie is recovering well from her foot surgery, but they know it will be a long road to recovery. The Illinois College of Optometry Fellowship of Christian Optometrists (FCO) did an amazing job in February, and thanks go out to those volunteers.

Prayer requests:

1. Prayers for on-site safety and funding to continue to the SFC (Second Floor of the Clinic) would be most appreciated. The roof could be done before the warm weather heats up the clinic and the next big step would be getting all the exterior walls done. Dona-tions can be made to “His Eyes” 3036 E. Bricklin Ct – Bloomington, IN 47401
2. Say the secret prayer and have Valerie to have a quick recovery
3. For the success of ongoing projects.

More information can be found at:
www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com

Psalms 96:11-13

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Goodbye to a Wonderful Friend—Eloise

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Fond Farewell to Mary Eloise Sipes—On March 15 she moved to Robin Run Village in Indianapolis. Her family goes back to 1916 in this church and Mary Eloise has been attending UPC since 1937. The fellowship hour on March 10th, was a wonderful success and a special honor for Mary Eloise. Thank

you to those who helped in her celebration!

She would love to hear from you.

Mary Eloise Sipes
Robin Run Village
5354 West 62nd St.
Apt. 250
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UKirk

UKirk is endeavoring to provide a venue for First Presbyterian Church and United Presbyterian Church to reach out to IU students.

Wright on Wednesdays:

Please join us at the Wright Education building on Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm in room 2277, for the series "Testimony: Faith Journeys in Community." Speakers will be from both UPC and FPC.

Student Lunches:

FPC continues with student lunches on Sundays at FPC after the 11am service. If you would like to help with this ministry, they are always looking for donations of paper goods (plates, utensils, cups, and napkins).

Small Groups:

Noodles and Letters: Noodles and Company on Mondays from 12-1:30 for lunch and discussion on the [Screwtape Letters](#).

What is saving your life right now?

-Barbara Brown Taylor

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Stephanie Worden

5 Karen Ferenczy

6 Jan Berend Heitink

7 Colleen Swanson

11 Rudy Kaster

11 Cathy Junken

12 Bill Worden

13 Cynthia Bauer

15 Noah Kiyoshi Like

15 Wedding Anniversary of Naoyuki and Susan Furukawa

17 Jesse McBride

20 Rachel Loop

25 Elfrida Bauer

25 Wedding Anniversary of Lance and Karen Like

27 Yukie Furukawa

30 Stephen Junken

If you would like to be added to the birthday/anniversary calendar please email NPlane01@aol.com



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

For Children

Youth Sunday School (Pre-school through fifth grade)
Following dismissal from worship

For Teens

Communicants Class for Middle School Students • 9am Sunday in Room H

College Students and Young Adults

UKirk – Various activities • check out www.iukirk.com

Adults and College Students

The Old Testament Bible Study • 9am on Sundays in Anderson Parlor
Bible Study with Reverend Bremer • 12:15pm on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall
Book study with Reverend Bremer • 6pm on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

Worship Service

10am Sunday in the Sanctuary
Fellowship hour is held every Sunday immediately after



Youth Event

There is a Youth (or young at heart) event being planned for the afternoon of Saturday, April 20th. We are looking at going hiking at a local State Park followed by a picnic.

Details are still being worked out and we are keeping our eye on the weather. More details will be announced during the Sunday service and a sign-up will be posted the week before the event.

-Karen

How to Get Involved

Stuff the Red Wagon:

The food put in the Deacons red wagon goes directly to Monroe County United Ministries for the hungry in our county. Bring unopened canned and boxed goods; hygiene products; empty paper and plastic grocery bags; and cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteering with

Sunday School:

Do you love children? Are you excited about crafts? The Sunday School teachers would love to have you to help assist the teachers. Please contact Karen Like at klike@earthlink.net for more information!

Utilize Script:

When Script cards are purchased UPC receives a percentage from the merchant. The Script table will only be set up on the last Sunday of the month to accept order forms and payments. The purchased cards will be available to be picked up the following Sunday!

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~ April 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	3 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	4 8pm AA Campus Group	5 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	6 11am Overeaters Anonymous
7 Deacons Sunday 9am Bible Sutdy, choir & VOTW choir practice 10am Worship and Holy Communion	8 5:15 Kiwanis	9 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	10 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	11 8pm AA Campus Group	12 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	13 11am Overeaters Anonymous 1pm Mackenzie Hammel Harp Recital
14 9am Bible Sutdy, choir & VOTW choir practice 10am Worship	15 4pm Naomi Gammell Harp Recital with reception	16 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	17 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	18 8pm AA Campus Group	19 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	20 11am Overeaters Anonymous
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