

Reaching U.P.

**United
Presbyterian
Church**

UPC Church History

UPC is very fortunate to have a long history within Monroe County. In the small cabinet in the Fellowship Hall, you can look at several items related to that history including Professor James Albert Woodburn's article "United Presbyterian Beginnings" (Indiana Magazine of History V.30, No. 1, pp. 16-25) and more directly to Bloomington Presbyterians, United Presbyterian Church Bloomington, Indiana 1833-1933, compiled by Margaret B. Layman. It includes the program for the proceedings of the centennial celebration including a foreward by IU President William L. Bryan. There is a complete list of names taken from records of the U.P.C. 1833-1924, lists of elders, and biographical notes of former pastors. It would be great if we began updating these before 2033.

Previous Pastors:

William D. Turner A.R.P. 1838-1869 (Associate Reformed)	Donald E. Zimmerman 1937-1940
Isaac Newton Laughend 1839-1843 (Associate Presbyterian)	Alfred A/ Kelsey 1940-1942
John Bryan A.P. 1855-1862 (Associate Presbyterian)	Huigh E. Kelsey 1942-1944
Theophilus Adam Wylie R.P. 1833-1869 (Reformed Presbyterian)	J. Marshon DePoister 1944-1946
William P. McNary 1870-1884	Carmen C. Decker 1946-1951 (part-time)
Samuel R. Lyons 1885-1898	Vincent Strigas Jr. 1951-1953
William A. Littell 1899-1901	Franklin MacAllistel 1953-1956
John D. Barr 1902-1906	Heinrich B. Eiler 1957-1961
Thomas H. Hanna 1907-1917	David E. Faris 1963-1976
James L. Kelso 1919-1923	David B. Brown Jr. 1977-1982
J. Merle Rife 1924-1927	David F. Schafer 1982-1986
John W. Meley 1928-1937	Allen B. Layman (interim) 1986-1987
	Mickey R. Blair 1987-1990
	Allen B. Layman (Interim) 1990-1991
	David Bremer 1992-2013

Recently Lee Ehman, a volunteer at the Monroe County History Center's Genealogy Library began review and updating the "church files" they have. These files attempt to keep track of all the churches in Monroe County, including a brief history but also membership lists. One of the items available currently on the MCHC website is the Monroe County (IN) Church Records Index 1818- 1900, which provides information about baptisms, clergy, confirmations, membership, marriage, obituaries, as known.

[http://www.monroehistory.org/sg_userfilesMonroe County Church Records 1818 1900.pdf](http://www.monroehistory.org/sg_userfilesMonroe%20County%20Church%20Records%201818%201900.pdf)

For instance, for Rev. William Turner:

Turner, William (Rev)	Unit Presb Bloom	06/1836	Clyg	Begin	4	Installed as minister; served until 1869
Turner, William Rev.	Unit Presb Bloom	6/16/1836	Clyg	Register 1	9	Ordained and installed as pastor of the Associate Reformed Congregation

Perhaps next winter the Membership Committee will plan to have a pitch in and explore other church history and genealogy resources we have available around Monroe County. Various people could volunteer to research and write brief biographical sketches about the pastors since 1933 or other needed research. Let the membership committee know if this would be something you'd like to explore.

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Letter from the Pastor



This is my fifth draft attempt at a goodbye letter to you, my sweetest of friends. The first was a matter of fact with an unpleasant preachy tone. Subsequent attempts less preachy and a little teachy. They too were tossed in the trash. Once I thought I got it right, let it cure, reread it and said “ARRGH”.

A problem in saying goodbye is who to thank. That won't do for obvious reasons given virtually all have been kind to me and supported our shared ministry. Another pesky little concern is to highlight our shared accomplishments. This is a nice and noble idea but, confound it, it opens the door to disagreement and perhaps bruised feelings. So frankly, is for me the straight forward offering of thanks to you for giving me the unmerited honor of being your pastor for twenty-two years. To put this in perspective, one-third of my life and one-half of my professional career has been in service to UPC. Very few pastors have claim to such a blessing.

So thank you for sitting through bad sermons. Thank you for supporting my daughter upon the birth of Aidan. Thank you for grieving with me over the loss of my beloved father, Jack, and Brenda's sweet father, Earl. Thank you for tolerating my impatience, sarcasms, and unrelenting criticisms of pop American Christianity, and the boneheads who call themselves public servants.

And this. Thank you for the honor of preaching the many funeral sermons presented me. Each, without exception, was deeply personal and remains recorded in my heart.

Speaking of my heart, it is very sad. Yes, I can't wait to retire, but my heart is filled with sorrow and my tears, real, even now as I write this final pastoral letter. Sometimes love is a feeling.

Blessings, Always.

And one last time: Rev. David A. Bremer, Pastor
United Presbyterian Church
Bloomington, Indiana

Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 Bob Craig
2 Lucinda Wyman
3 Benjamin Heitink
3 Carter and Collin
Notebaert
4 Robert Pate
7 Logan McCloud
Worden

10 Nicholas McBride
10 Matthew McBride
11 Alejandra Haddad
17 Ed Toby
18 Delores Toby
25 Melanie Mathis
27 Hye-Ryoung Kwon

If you would like to make additions to the birthday and anniversary calendar please email: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

How I Came to UPC by David Bremer

Pardon the use of the “I” in the following but there is no other way to tell the story of how I came to be pastor at UPC. I am reluctant to relate this story; the first reason being the annoying fact that our “history” is a lie in the sense that it is, mostly inaccurate and often self-serving. The second, as you read, my account could be interpreted as trespassing on the process of securing your next installed pastor. Nevertheless, the following is accurate to the best of my memory and, as you will discover, it is my firm belief God and Christ do appoint pastors to particular churches, though not all congregations confirm this appointment. To understand how I came to UPC on January 1, 1992, the following narrative is most appreciated with an eye on chronology. This will become apparent as you read..

August 1991

Panorama Presbyterian Church, Panorama City, California (San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles): I was serving as an interim pastor in an urban and multi-national church, politically and gender diverse. It was large, relatively healthy, though experiencing a modest decline. I was following its founding pastor of 25 years, a good man and beloved. By this time in my ministry, the church was stabilized and showing moderate growth. I then had, thanks only to God and Christ, relocated to southern California to be near my daughter, Erin, first ministering at El Centro Presbyterian Church in 1989, in the desert in California on the Mexican Border.

At the August 1991 Session Meeting of Panorama Presbyterian Church, I requested my vacation to be from October 1-14 or so. It was granted. This was to return to Indiana, see my parents, do some bow hunting (I missed a huge buck!) and reconnect with old friends.

Early September 1991

Because I served on a committee of the Presbytery of San Fernando, we met, concluded our business and in passing, one of the members, Jim Wilson, age 65, asked how things were going. I told him fine, but I had a sense my time at Panorama City was winding down; this and that Erin, then 13, was not so eager to spend weekends with me given her own social life was evolving. Jim asked what I was hoping to do. I answered that if I could write my ticket, I'd like to move back to Indiana, take a church in Bloomington and finish my pastoral career there. To be honest, looking back I am not sure if I knew if UPC was available, nor do I recall my correspondence with the Ohio Valley Presbytery regarding the matter. Anyway he nodded and I asked Jim what he was up to. He noted he was leaving for New Jersey to see his mother and attend his 50th High School Class Reunion. I wished him well.

Late September 1991

Much to my surprise, I received a call from Jim Wilson. Now Jim and I were friends, though casual and connected only by our shared committee work at Presbytery, so his call was not on my radar. We exchanged pleasantries and I asked about his vacation trip to his Mom's and to his high school reunion, or perhaps he began the conversation. I don't know. What I do know is he told me he bumped into a classmate at his High School Reunion, Frank Jones, he said, who was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Indiana. Further, Jim stated UPC was looking for a pastor, that he recommended me to Frank, and for me to call Mr. Jones at once, which I did. Frank told me to contact Dr. Steven C. Junken, Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Dr. Junken and I spoke on the phone at length, then he asked: How soon can we get together to talk, face-to-face?

I said: I'll be in Indiana the next week! (Remember October 1 vacation?)

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How I Came to UPC, continued

Early October 1991

Steve Junken and I met at The Ordinary in Nashville. Steve, after not long discussion said “You are the one called”. I said Yes, I am! I added this, and it is important. I said “Don’t tell anyone what we know. Let the process unfold. If the Pastor Nominating doesn’t approve, that will be that. They approved.

There are no coincidences in the lives of those who live in Christ. Christ goes before in, preparing the work we are set about to do, not only ministers but each of us who reside in Christ, however frailly, however confidently. The decision for my October vacation, the meeting with Jim Wilson, his history with Frank Jones, my October meeting with Dr. Junken was no accident, nor is my leaving UPC accidental. It was, thankfully (sorry) predestined.

Member Highlight

Earlier this year Elder Alejandra Spir-Haddad was elected to the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (GACEIR)! This is an appointment with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) She will serve on the Interfaith Subcommittee.

The mission of “GACEIR (is) to connect the ecumenical efforts of all governing body levels of the church and provide a common point for all ecumenical efforts with those beyond our church.”

Please congratulate Alejandra on her appointment because this is a great honor.



Road Trip a Success!

Mary Eloise, a long-time member of United Presbyterian, moved to Robin Run in April. She was also a regular attendee at the Tuesday Bible Study for years. Because she was being missed, it was decided to move the Bible Study to Indy for a day! So, three carloads of UPCers made the trek.

Reverend David A. Bremer led a troupe of eight members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study on a trip to visit Mary Eloise Sipes on Tuesday, May 21. The gang met in the UPC parking lot and left promptly at 9:30 a.m. for Robin Run Village in Indianapolis.

One carload got lost along the way during the 62 ½ mile trip. Even so, everyone arrived at Robin Run Village by 11:15 a.m. to be greeted at the door by Mary Eloise and an official of Robin Run. The group was graciously ushered to a beautiful dining room where we chose from a bountiful soup and salad bar and then selected entrees from an excellent menu. And, yes, the dessert offerings were not only varied, but delicious!

After lunch, a Robin Run administrator took the group on tour of the extensive facility. In addition to lovely apartments and townhomes, there is a beauty salon/barber shop, convenience store, bank, craft room, resale shop, fitness center, physical therapy center, library, chapel and conference rooms.

The group then retired to the chapel where Reverend Bremer led us in discussion and a Bible study.

Mary Eloise assured all that she was, indeed, happy with her new surroundings and delighted that the group had made the trip to visit. The group returned in the late afternoon and all agreed that they’d had a great time with good friends in wonderful surroundings.

How to Get Involved

Guest performers:

Throughout the year we have many special guest performances to enhance our worship experience. If you have a musical talent and are interested in sharing it with the congregation, please contact Jeeyoon Kim!

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a time to share with one another over coffee and snacks. Everyone is invited to attend, and it is held immediately following the worship service. Fellowship hours can be hosted by groups, families, or individuals. If you feel led to serve in this way, a signup sheet is in the fellowship hall. July's fellowship hour will be hosted by the following: 7th -- Deacons, 14th -- Tuesday Evening Book & Bible Study, 21st -- *available*, and 28th -- Ambassador Team Three. Please take this opportunity to help with fellowship hour: Hosting, setting up and cleaning up!

Flowers:

Sanctuary flowers can be donated in honor or in memory of someone special, a birthday, an anniversary, a special event, or just to the Glory of God. To place sanctuary flowers for a special occasion or to honor a loved one, see the sign-up sheet posted opposite the church office. If you would like the church order and deliver the flowers, the cost is \$23 and please contact Allen Pease at upcbloomington.org to let him know!

Volunteering with Sunday School:

Do you love children? Are you excited about crafts? The Sunday School teachers would love to have you assist them. Please contact Karen Like for more information!

Utilize Scrip:

When Scrip cards are purchased UPC receives a percentage from the merchant. The Scrip 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!

Bible Studies:

The church offers three gatherings to explore faith and knowledge outside of the worship service. Please know these are not bible classes, each is an interactive time to learn and share.

Little Red Wagon:

The little red wagon is waiting to be filled with canned good and hygiene products for Monroe County United Ministries. For more information ask one of our Dea-



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Served by the Moderator and the Elders the first Sunday of each month & certain other special occasions. Holy Communion will be served on July 7th by: Don Root, Bob Hammel, Gerrit Heitink, and Lance Like



Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Sunday School classroom will only be available for Pre K to 2nd grade. The following is July's teaching schedule: 7th – Stephanie Worden, 14th – Angie Notebaert, 21st Melanie Mathis-McBride, and 28th – Aline Haddad

Additions to Reaching U.P.

Do you have something the congregation should know about? Is there something you would like to share? Please email any submission for Reaching U.P. to upcbloomington@gmail.com, before the 15th of each month.

Financial Report

We took a step backwards in May. We took in a total of \$12,207.38 for the month and our expenses were \$15,360.63, giving us a negative cash flow of \$3,153.25 for May and a total positive cash flow of \$12,557.95 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
MAY	10,803.05	378.00	1,026.33	12,207.38	15,360.63	-3,153.25
TO DATE	70,443.16	1,686.04	4,035.31	76,164.51	63,606.56	12,557.95

In spite of a month of negative cash flow in May, we are still in good shape for this time of the year. Please keep your pledge up to date during the vacation months so we can still be in good shape, financially by the end of the summer.

We took in a total of \$278 for the Pentecost offering. This offering enables the PCUSA to encourage, develop, and support its young people, as well as provide assistance to at-risk children. In addition, a portion of this offering can be set aside for use in local communities.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

UPDATES

Our Daily Bread

The Deacon's Group supplies printed copies of *Our Daily Bread* each month for your personal devotions. The mini booklet is available in both large and small print and is located on the table outside the sanctuary, or for the digitally addicted, there are several different formats below. You can find out more about RBC Ministries (the publisher of ODB) and the Daily Bread website at <http://rbc.org/>.

His Eyes

The Colbys' were able to do an in person update for our church on June 23, 2013. It was a wonderful experience where they were able to speak about growth, thankfulness, and appreciation for support and their time in Honduras. As always, please follow them at www.hiseyes.us.



Reaching U.P.

You can get Reaching U.P. emailed directly to you! Reaching U.P. is available on our website and hard copies are given in the bulletin the last Sunday of the month. Mailings will only be available to those who request this service. If you would like this service or to update your email, please contact the office at upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

~ July 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Evenings— 5:30 Gamblers Anonymous, 6pm Overeaters Anonymous, 8pm AA Campus Group	1	2	3	4	5	6 11am Overeaters Anonymous
7 Deacon's Sunday 9am Bible Study 10am Worship and Communion 11am Fellowship	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
14 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	15	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
21 9am Bible Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	22	23 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	24 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	25 8pm AA Campus Group	26 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	27 11am Overeaters Anonymous
28 9am Bible Study 10am Worship – Rev. David Bremer's last sermon 11am Fellowship	29	30 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	31 8pm Overeaters Anonymous			

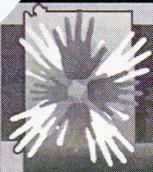


Save the Date

September 7th is the date for UPC's annual Ethnic Food Fair. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Vera Heitink, Rachel Loop, Lou Malcomb or Allen Pease know. Volunteers to prepare for or staff the event are needed!

**Community
Volunteer
Opportunity**

FOOD DRIVE



MCUM

Monroe County
United Ministries

**“Each One, Feed One”
Community Food Drive**

to help our neighbors in need.

AUGUST 23-25, 2013

Volunteer Opportunities

Help MCUM collect and process more than 16,000 pounds of food, hygiene items, and cleaning products during an inspiring weekend of generosity for our neighbors in need!

Store Volunteers*

Collect donations at area grocery stores

Great for groups and for those who like to interact with the community!

Shifts: Fri. 5-8pm, Sat. 10am-1pm / 1-4pm, Sun. 1-4pm

Drivers & Riders

Drive around to grocery locations to pick up donations and transport them to MCUM.

Repeated lifting required.

Shifts: Fri. 4-9pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. noon-6pm

Substitutes

Cover a shift at a store or otherwise fill in where needed.

Flexibility required.

Shifts: Fri. 5-8pm, Sat. 10am-1pm / 1pm-4pm, Sun. 1-4pm

**Children 15 and younger are welcome to work as store volunteers but must be accompanied by an adult.*

To sign up or request information, contact Meri Reinhold at mcum@mcum.org or 339-3429 x 11. Visit www.mcum.org for updates.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

(Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

Food Drive

Monroe County United Ministries helps us by being a resource where we can send people who come to us needing financial or other types of assistance. In return, we support MCUM by collecting food for their pantry and setting money aside for them in our mission budget. Every August MCUM has its annual community food drive, "Each One, Feed One". This year their goal is to collect 16,000 pounds of food over the weekend of August 23-25th. In order to do this they need 250 volunteers to collect food donations at local grocery stores. If you can give 4 hours of your time over that weekend, please help out by signing up as a volunteer. Sign up or get information at www.mcum.org or contact Meri at mcum@mcum.org or call 339-3429X11.

School Supplies Drive

Again this year, we will be working with The Salvation Army, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, and other area churches to collect school supplies for needy families in Monroe County. This will take place throughout the month of July. Beginning on June 30th and continuing until July 28th, there will be collection boxes in the Narthex and downstairs outside of Fellowship Hall. Items needed are NEW backpacks, pencils, pens, notebook paper, crayons, glue, scissors, and rulers, etc. A more complete list will be made available for you to take when you go shopping. Monetary donations are also accepted if you are unable to shop. Last year 495 backpacks were provided. This year's goal is to fill 550 bags for kids in Monroe County.

If you would like to be involved in the sorting and distribution process, call Monica at The Salvation Army 336-4310 ext. 100 to volunteer.

UPC and Social Media

Social Media— A term that refers to how people can interact online. Multiple people create, share, and exchange information and ideas through networks and communities.

Why do we use it:

To communicate, to connect, and to engage.

- Easy and effortless - it doesn't take commitment to spread information on these sites
- Variety—helps engage a wide variety of individuals
- Viral—it can expand beyond the intended audience - introducing new people to UPC
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What sources of media does UPC use: youtube, facebook, blogs (through UKirk)

You Tube

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/upcbloomington>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/upc.bloomington>

Websites: www.upcbloomington.org; <http://ukirk-indiana.com/>



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Spiritual Growth Opportunities

For Children

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

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 and Reverend Lorimer | 12:15pm on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall
Book study with Reverend Bremer | 6pm on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

