

Reaching UP

**United
Presbyterian
Church**

Pitch In and Sing

On November 17th UPC participated in a Pitch In and Sing, hosted by the Membership Committee and assisted by the Fellowship Committee. Spending time in fellowship has



always been a strength of the UPC congregation. Fellowship for us is about supporting each other, sharing our joys and concerns, telling of our days, and caring for our hearts.



The Pitch In and Sing fellowship hour allowed UPC to pass the peace of song and joy. We are grateful for all the singers and special leaders. Thanks go to Carissa Devar for accompanying this event and Lou Malcomb for organizing the song books.



Let's challenge one another to bring fellowship from the Community into our church. Let's ask our neighbors, friends, co-workers, family members, and strangers to UPC to enjoy the fellowship of love.

If you have an idea for a fellowship event or would like to help please contact UPCBloomington@gmail.org. Your talents would be greatly appreciated and utilized.



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Haddad Christmas Dinner

Once again, the gracious Alejandra and Souheil Haddad will open their home for their Christmas Dinner on December 7th at 6pm. After nearly twenty years of hosting this event, the annual Haddad Christmas Party is certainly no less than a tradition for UPC. All we have to do is show up, eat, laugh, and sing! It is an act of love from their entire family and that's why it's such a joyous event. Don't miss it! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please mark if you need a ride and it will be provided.

Advent Lighting Schedule

December 1	Joseph family
December 8	Linten family
December 15	Notebaert family
December 22	Hammel family

Christmas Joy Offering

This year's Joy Offering will be on December 22nd and, for those who missed that date, again on the 29th.

This offering provides financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families through the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. It also provides opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial/ethnic colleges and schools.

Your gift, no matter how great or small, is needed and deeply appreciated by those who have so much less than each of us.

Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
with tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I sent you a special gift, from my heavenly home above.

I sent you each a memory, of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.

It was always more important in stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do.

For I can't count the blessings or love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this
year.

In Loving Memory of

Merle Michael

Entered into the Kingdom of Heaven on December 12,
1999

From her children

Miriam Michael

Paul Michael

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



3 Dawn Myers
9 Sarah Cochran
10 Lance Like
11 Andy Notebaert
14 Elaine Hubbard
18 Lou Tompkins

20 Bill Schofield
23 Brenda Wood
26 Salwa Spir
27 Jane and Fred Priest 28
Aline Haddad
31 Rowan Heitink

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

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 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. in room 2277. This is a time for fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth.

Student Lunches:

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

Please Note

Ukirk is working on bible study and book studies to meet during the morning/afternoon hours. If you are interested, please let them know. For more information please visit ukirk-indiana.com

Montreat College Conference
January 2-5, 2014.



How to Help with UKirk

Students are always needing someone interested in hearing their story, if you would be interested in starting a relationship with a student, please let Elaine Hubbard know by emailing the church at UPCBloomington@gmail.com so she can compile a list of available volunteers.

If you aren't interested in volunteering weekly time, there is still a

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

For Children

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

College Students and Young Adults

UKirk – Various activities check out www.iukirk.com

Adults and College Students

People of the New Testament at 9 A.M. on Sundays in Anderson Parlor
Bible Study with Reverend Lorimer, 12:15 P.M. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall
Book study, participant led, 6 P.M. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall



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. It is held immediately following the Sunday 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.

UKirk:

UKirk is in need of assistance with transportation, food donations, speakers, and mentors. If you are interested, please contact Elaine at NPlane01@aol.com.

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 Worship Committee to order, the cost is \$25 with delivery included.

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 always 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 goods and hygiene products for Monroe County United Ministries. For more information ask one of our Deacons..



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 December 1st by: John Swanson, Souheil Haddad, Sarah Cochran, and Judie Iverson



Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Sunday School classroom are being staffed for both classes. The following is December's teaching schedule for Pre K—2nd grade: 1st Angie Notebaert; 8th Aline Haddad; 15th Stephanie Worden; 22nd Melanie Mathis-McBride; 29th Stephanie Worden . December teaching schedule for 3rd– 6th grade: 1st Michelle Heitink; 8th Leina Joseph; 15th Linda Coggin; 22nd Karen Like; and 29th Michelle Heitink

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.



Sanctuary Flowers

Your support is needed to help enhance the beauty of our sanctuary with fresh flowers each week. 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. This is a beautiful way to acknowledge those who mean so much to us and to let others enjoy the beauty. 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 to arrange for the ordering and delivery of the flowers, the cost is \$25. For further information please see Souheil Haddad.

Highlight of Scrip

Why use Scrip? Because you can shop and raise money for UPC!!!

Every time you order Scrip, the merchants return a percentage to United Presbyterian Church. For instance, if you order a Honey baked Ham \$25 Scrip card, you use it just like a debit card for a full \$25 in merchandise and the merchant returns 12% to UPC. A \$25 Old Navy Scrip card gets you a full \$25 in merchandise and UPC gets 14%. A \$10 Bob Evans Scrip card you get a full \$10 in dinning and UPC gets 10%. Remember to order your scrip anytime during the month to be picked up on the first Sunday of the next month!

Large Bible Sale

Several people have indicated an interest in ordering large print copies of our Bible. Please contact Lou by December 12th if you'd like to order. Cost is anticipated to be around \$20.00 if 10 or more are ordered. Remember Bibles make a great Christmas gift!

Financial Report

Our cash flow was negative again in October. We took in a total of \$13,070.00 for the month and our expenses were \$15,514.72, giving us a negative cash flow of \$2,444.72 for October and a total positive cash flow of \$5,070.54 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFER- ING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
October	12,158.00	495.00	417.00	13,070.00	15,514.72	-2,444.72
TO DATE	126,423.66	2,281.04	8,894.19	137,598.89	132,528.35	5,070.54

In spite of another negative month, our year to date cash flow is still positive, and we are within \$300 of where we were at this time last year.

We took in a total of \$495.00 in the peacemaking offering. One fourth of this is held back for local missions.

What's Happening in December?

~ December 2013 ~						
Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacon's Sunday 9am Bible Study 9am choir and VWC Choir practice 10am Worship and Communion 11am Fellowship	2	3 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	4 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	5 6:30pm AA Woman's Group 8pm AA Campus Group	6 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	7 11am Overeaters Anonymous 6pm Haddad Christmas Party
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15 9am Bible Study 9am choir and VWC Choir practice 10am Worship and VWC Choir preforms 11am Fellowship	16 5:15 Kiwanis	17 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	18 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	19 6:30pm AA Woman's Group 8pm AA Campus Group	20 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	21 11am Overeaters Anonymous
22 9am Bible Study 9am choir practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 6:30pm AA Woman's Group 8pm AA Campus Group	27 11:45 Men's Lunch 7pm Temple Shir Tikvah	28 11am Overeaters Anonymous
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