

Reaching UP

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UPC Welcomes New

Leadership as defined by Webster's Dictionary, is the act of leading; providing direction and guidance.

UPC has many leaders, some formal: our Pastor, Deacons, and Elders. And many informal leaders, those who lead by example: committee members, volunteers, and those that give of time and money during special times of need or collection.



The purpose of Leadership is not to show forms of power, but rather an outward display of service. The leadership in our church is what initiates growth and spiritual health. Thank you to everyone who is currently, or in the past, in a leadership role. We are forever thankful for those that are open to holding such a position. Though, anyone can be a leader, UPC's formal leaders are nominated to their post by the UPC nominating committee and elected by the congregation at the annual meeting.

These new leaders are ordained to their positions during a Sunday service ceremony in front of the congregation. The



outgoing members that have completed their appointed terms are Souheil Haddad as Elder and Lucinda Wyman as Deacon.

Ordination to these posts is the act in which the church sets apart individuals to be a representation of our church body. Once the ordination is conducted, the appointed individuals become formal leaders and agree to represent UPC with our church body and the community.

On February 9th, 2014 UPC welcomed two new leaders that have accepted a three year term position as follows: Allen Pease as Elder and Linda Coggins as Deacon. Please take the time to welcome and thank them for their service.

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Letter from the Pastor



Dear friends,

The first Ash Wednesday service that I ever attended was one in which I was to plan and conduct. The location was a hospital chapel that could seat 25 comfortably, but 40 would somehow crowd into that small sacred space. Ash Wednesday approached and my realization hit that I would need to lead a service that I had never experienced as a worship participant. Fear turned into panic. Thanks to my friend and colleague from the local Catholic community, Father Steve, whose mentoring and resources proved invaluable! Father Steve provided hymns, liturgy and even the gift of ashes! What began as deeply frightening has evolved into one of the most meaningful celebrations of the Christian year.

Lent is that season beginning with Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year) and culminating with the joy and the celebration of the Resurrection! 40 days (excluding Sundays) give us the opportunity of examination, repentance, prayer, and intentional study in the path that Jesus traveled toward His crucifixion, death and resurrection. I used to believe that Lent was just about giving up something (like cola or chocolate) for no apparent reason except to want cola and chocolate even more! Now I realize that Lent is a season in which we are invited to give up certain luxuries to emulate Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days, in order to pray and listen closely to God's leading. Lent provides an opportunity for us to enter a period of intentional examination for attitudes and behaviors of which God might cleanse us.

Ash Wednesday provides the first step in UPC's Lenten journey as we gather on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM. Each person is invited not only to receive the imposition of ashes but to also experience another symbol of forgiveness and brokenness. All are invited to bring a jar or bottle to the service. At the appropriate moment during the service, worshippers will have the opportunity to bring their jar to the altar and throw it into a receptacle to willingly break it and hear the effects of brokenness. With this action, each participant symbolizes a willingness to enter Lent as the season of brokenness and examination.

UPC's Lenten theme this year is *The Crosses We Carry*. This alludes to our difficulties over which we often lament, "That's just my cross to bear." During Lent you will hear sermons about the cross of grief, shame, conflict, pain, addiction, and living in the past. The leaders of the Lenten devotionals on each successive Wednesday may also examine other crosses that we carry in life. Of course our eventual journey will carry us through the agony of Maundy Thursday in which Jesus dealt with the grief of His impending death, leaving his disciples behind, and the betrayal of one of his closest friends. On Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM, as a community of faith we celebrate Holy Communion and witness a Service of Shadows or Tenebrae. Scripture passages that lead to the crucifixion, communion and leaving in darkness frame this service. Friday, April 18 at Noon, our Good Friday will be a brief meaningful service of scripture and music. Finally our Lenten journey culminates with the joy and celebration of Easter morning with Sunrise Service at 8:00 AM celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior in at least seven languages of the world, followed by the sharing of Easter breakfast. At 10:00 AM the Easter Worship Service celebrates the resurrection with scripture, a sermon of praise and music by the Chancel Choir and the Voices of the World Children's Choir. We then rejoice with Fellowship Hour and, for the children, an Easter Egg Hunt.

The Worship Committee is providing "God's Abiding Love" by Henri Nouwen, a Lenten devotional booklet for families along with a Lenten token, which can further deepen the meaning of our prayer journey together. Additionally, both of the Tuesday Bible Studies (beginning Tuesday, March 4 at 12:15 and at 6:00 PM) will be led by me and provide additional Lenten themes of repentance and examination.

Please begin your planning now. Participate in every service and opportunity provided for you during this meaningful season of growth and spiritual reflection.

Blessings to you all!

Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin, Bloomington, March 2014

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



7th Leina Joseph
 8th Michelle Heitink
 8th Alexander Ferenczy
 9th Bud Wyman
 10th Bob & Sue Lorimer
 Anniversary

10th Juliana Spir
 23rd Rachel & Joe Loop
 Anniversary
 23rd Gladys Bartholomew
 30th Travis Bauer

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

Flowers:

Flowers may be placed to honor the memory of a loved one or to mark special occasions such as anniversaries, births, birthdays, promotions, engagements, weddings, family reunions, etc. The cost is only \$25 including delivery. The Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board opposite the church office. Simply sign-up and the Worship Committee orders the floral arrangement, confirms delivery and makes sure it's noted in the Sunday Bulletin for that worship service. You may also choose to do your own ordering and selecting of flowers—just note this

UKirk

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



Small Groups: We have groups meeting on Tuesday and Fridays for lunch. If you are interested in mentoring or connecting with students on a semi-regular basis and could do another time, let us know!

Wright on Wednesdays: We've meet regularly for a mid-week gathering at Wright. An easy way to contribute is by donating any baked goods, snacks, or drinks!

Fringe Christianity: A hope filled ecumenical gathering February 28th—March 1st with special keynote speaker Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. More information can be found at Btownfringe.org.

Youth News

Look around the Sunday school rooms and hallways in the next few weeks. We will be starting a new curriculum in March. The younger kids will have more activities and crafts centered on their lessons. The older kids will be starting a year long journey learning the books of the Bible. Along with the new concepts we will be updating the rooms with new furniture and decorations.

Don't forget there is still time to sign-up for Pyoca summer camp. But don't wait too long the sessions fill up fast. Open enrollment is available online (http://pyoca.org/camp_info.htm) or speak with Karen Like for more details.

The results are in...UPC will be writing a check to the Monroe County Community Kitchen for \$416 raised during the Souper Bowl campaign. Thank you for all who donated towards the cause.—Karen Like

How to Get Involved

Sunday Morning

Anytime

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 KLike@earthlink.net for more information!

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.

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!

Video and Sound Systems

If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound system or help in taping the weekly worship sessions please contact Don Root at rootd@msn.com.

Offering

Would you like to help in counting the offertory?: You do not need to sign up for a yearly commitment. Or if you are interested in collecting the offertory please let Bob Lorimer at lorimer9@gmail.com know.

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!

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..

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

Friendly Visitors

Do you like socializing at Fellowship Hour? Our congregation has many individuals that would love to have someone come visit them and share the good news with them. Some are homebound, and others are in nursing homes. Please contact the church at Upcbloomington@gmail.com. if you are interested in spreading cheer with a visit..



Schedule of Involvement

Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Sunday School is a wonderful time for children to learn, play, and fellowship. The following is March's teaching schedule for Pre K—2nd grade: 2nd Angie Notebaert, 9th Aline Haddad, 16th Stephanie Worden, 23rd Melanie Mathis McBride, and 30th Angie Notebaert. March teaching schedule for 3rd–6th grade: 2nd Karen Like, 9th Leina Joseph, 16th Linda Coggin, 23rd Michelle Heitink, and 30th Karen Like

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Served by the Moderator and Elders the first Sunday of each month & certain other occasions. Holy Communion will be served on March 2nd by: Sarah Cochran, Bob Hammel, Michelle Heitink, and Gerrit Heitink.

Member Highlight– Evelyn Foster

Evelyn has been at UPC since 1971 when she and her husband, Allen, moved to Bloomington from Phoenix Arizona in a GE transfer. Evelyn is the proud mother of her son Wayne and her daughter, Gayle. She smiles the most when asked about her great-grandson Jackson, son of Gayle’s son Jonathan, admitting that she loves his dimples and the fact that Jackson calls her Nana. She enjoys visiting them in southern California and Arizona.

Evelyn worked for many years in the School of Education at IU Bloomington in 1972 as the school’s payroll clerk. She retired in 1996.

While she doesn’t currently have any pets, she admits that poodles were her favorite. She enjoys researching her family’s genealogy and is currently working on the Dohner (yes related to the Donner party of the famous Donner Pass).

She couldn’t limit herself to one favorite scripture noting the Lord’s prayer; Psalms 23; John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13 were the first to come to mind. She enjoyed singing in UPC’s choir for many years so has numerous favorite hymns but mentioned “My eye is on the sparrow” as one. She likes “Amazing Grace” especially if it is jazzed up.

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

Video Series at 9 A.M. on Sundays in Anderson Parlor
Bible Study with Reverend Mitch, 12:15 P.M. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall
Book study with Reverend Mitch, 6 P.M. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall



Financial Report

We’re off to a very good start in January. We took in a total of \$21,055.50 for the month and our expenses were \$10,977.34, giving us a positive cash flow of \$10,078.16 for January.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
JAN.	20,347.50	0.00	708.00	21,055.50	10,977.34	10,078.16
TO DATE	20,347.50	0.00	708.00	21,055.50	10,977.34	10,078.16

While this is good news, it is due, in part, to the fact that some of our donors make a one-time donation for the year and they usually do it either in December or January. This will level out in the coming months so we need to continue to watch our finances closely. Right now, we are tracking closely to last year.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

Rev. Dr. David List McDonald

January 4, 1949 - January 25, 2014

David List McDonald, age 65, entered the Church Triumphant on Saturday, January 25, 2014, as a result of a Primary Brain Injury sustained in a January 16 traffic accident. David was born on January 4, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Wallace Irwin McDonald and Martha Louise Clinehens McDonald. He was a 1966 graduate of Twin Lakes High School, Monticello, IN, and a 1970 magna cum laude graduate of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, where he was a member of Lamba Chi Alpha Fraternity. While a student at Wabash, he studied at both the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School in 1973, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1995 from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.

On May 27, 1972, he married Carol Helen McCormick who survives. They celebrated nearly 42 years of wonderful life together.

In September, 1973, David was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. He served as Pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Union Mills, IN, from 1973-78, as Associate Pastor of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, from 1978-81, and as Pastor of The Presbyterian Church, Wabash, IN, from 1981-86. Between 1986 and 2004, he served the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a leader in stewardship education and consultation – first as consultant, then Director, of Church Financial Campaign Service of the PC(USA) and then as co-founder of Advent: Developing Generosity Across Generations. During this phase of his ministry, he assisted hundreds of congregations across the country as they planned and implemented capital campaigns. During these years, he was also an active participant in the life of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN. In 2004, he became Director of Development for Jameson Camp, a camp for at-risk children in Indianapolis, IN. And in 2007, he became Pastor of the Clayton Presbyterian Church, Clayton, IN – a call he considered a priceless gift.

An active member of The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley of the PC(USA), David served on the Presbytery Coordinating Council and as member of the Long-Range Planning and Vision Task Force. He served twice as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and had been elected to serve at the 2014 General Assembly.

Those who will miss him deeply are his wife Carol McCormick McDonald, his sister Martha Carolyn McDonald, his niece Anne Elizabeth McDonald Frangos (David Charles Frangos) and his two great-nieces Kaitlin Elizabeth McDonald and Kimberly Anne Lacava – the lights of his life. Throughout his 65 years, David radiated and encouraged a love of learning – especially during his 40 years of ordained ministry.

A service of Celebration was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN, with calling beginning at 10:00 a.m. The choir of the Clayton Presbyterian Church sang and a reception followed the service.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Clayton Presbyterian Church, 4887 Pennsylvania Street, Clayton, IN 46118 or to Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1660 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis, IN, for The Columbarium Project..

Liturgists Needed: The Worship Committee is currently organizing liturgists for each worship service in 2014, many have signed up but, more volunteers are needed. Additionally, for our Easter Service, we need volunteers to speak the liturgy in their native tongues. Past years have been in: Arabic, Dutch, English, German, Korean, Mandarin and Spanish. If interested in being a liturgist for a Sunday service or for the Easter Sunrise Service, please contact upcbloomington@gmail.com .

POV Help Needed

POV Assembly . . .

UPC is hosting the POV Assembly on Saturday, March 29th which means, as hosts, we'll be providing a continental breakfast and a hot lunch. The average Assembly attendance is 90.

The UPC Deacons help the Fellowship Committee with breakfast items. However, I would appreciate volunteers to prepare a few salads and a few desserts. If anyone is able to contribute one of these items, please sign-up on the sheet posted next to the Fellowship Hour Host sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you, Judie Iverson, Fellowship Committee Chair

Artists, Please Join us!



The Bloomington Playwrights Project invites all artists to participate in the 34th Annual Arts Fair on the Square, a juried art show featuring 80 regional artists, national artists, and craftspeople. Arts Fair on the Square will take place on June 21, 2014 from 10am to 5pm on the picturesque grounds surrounding the Monroe County Courthouse in downtown Bloomington, a town known for its diversity and strong arts community. The mission of Arts Fair on the Square is to showcase fine art and craft of the highest quality, connect artists with the art-buying community, and promote commitment to the arts through a variety of interactive arts experiences. Applications can be submitted through ZAPP at www.ZAPApplication.org (register for a free account and then search for Arts Fair on the Square). Apply now to join in the fun!

POV Letter of Appreciation

"Dear Session of United Presbyterian Church,

The POV Academy Committee wishes to thank you for allowing us to use your church facilities on January 26-27 for the meetings between our students and the counselor from Midwest Ministry Development Services. They all appreciated your hospitality and we are especially grateful for the overnight accommodations provided by the Haddads, Lorimers, and Coggins. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to provide potential commissioned ruling elders to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

From the Secretary's Desk

UPC's Annual Meeting February 2 saw 27 in attendance, up from the 20 of last year. Of those present, 25 were members, up from 15 last year. We ended 2013 with 78 members as compared to 74 in 2012.

Read UPC's Annual Report (copies in the narthex). It won't take more than 20 minutes to read and gives such a clear overview of UPC that you won't regret the time.

Want to read even more about UPC? The 16 page "175th Anniversary of Bloomington United Presbyterian Church" is available in the office. Written by Elders Bob Hammel and Don Root, it covers our history from 1833 to 2008. Stop in the office if you'd like a copy.

Guess the amount of our snow removal bill? A whopping \$570 through February 15! That covers snow removal from our lot and our sidewalks. It bears testimony that this is the harshest winter in 20 years! - Allen Pease, Secretary & Event Coordinator

What's Happening in March?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Evening Schedule: 5:30pm Gamblers Anonymous 6:00pm Overeaters Anonymous 8:00 pm – AA						1 11am Overeaters Anonymous
2 Deacon's Sunday 9am Bible Study 9am choir and VWC Choir practice 10am Worship and Communion 11am Fellowship	3	4 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	5 8pm Overeaters Anonymous 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 6:30pm AA Woman's Group 8pm AA Campus Group	7 11:45am – Men's Lunch 5:30pm – AA Women's Beginners Meeting 7:00pm – Worship service Temple Shir Tikvah	8 11am Overeaters Anonymous
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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.

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