

Reaching UP

United
Presbyterian
Church

It's that time of year again. If you can pay your per-capita, please do so. The amount for 2014 is \$29.33 per member.

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What Happened at Assembly?

Bloomington United, March 29, 2014
A report from Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Carol McDonald led our worship by preaching in the morning and celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the close of the day. Carol is our retiring Synod Executive. As a part of her retirement process she has been visiting each presbytery in the Synod. One of her life long forms of ministry has been a commitment to Camp and Conference ministry. POV presented her with a scholarship in her honor for a camper at Pyoca for the next five years.

Hospitality from United Presbyterian was wonderful as always. The new interim pastor, Mitch Coggin, welcomed us to United.

Olivet Administrative Commission reported a proposed settlement of the lawsuit that has gone on for several years. The settlement was approved, but later in the meeting needed to be opened again as business. A final negotiation of a precise dollar number was assigned to a commission named in the meeting. This matter should be complete and settled by the next Assembly.

PYOCA the new acting director of Pyoca reported. He is Mike Davis. Mike reported on current and projected activity at the camp. He was welcomed, for his first meeting at POV.

Administrative Commission at Charlestown was appointed by Council and reported to the Assembly. This is the second AC in the last two years. The provision of the appointment centered on conflict in the congregation and the inability of the session to manage the situation. This administrative commission will for a period simply act as and for the session of the church.

Reports from Committees and Officers of the presbytery. The normal reports and information of commission and committees were offered. As usual, the Treasurer report included per capita and mission giving.

If you would like to submit an article to be featured on the front page of Reaching UP, please don't hesitate. Send your submission to UPCBloomington@gmail.com

Letter from the Pastor



“He is not here, He is risen” was the familiar refrain that greeted the first visitors to the tomb that Easter morning. Those words also began our Easter 2014 as the trumpet, piano and organ called us to a Celebration of the Resurrection. All our weeks trudging through the agony of the cross – our own crosses and the ultimate one on which Jesus suffered and died, were overcome by Jesus’ resurrection. Easter is not a one-day occurrence! What happened on that day should influence our lives in every way, every day!

Profound thanks are in order for the dedication, prayers and hard work of everyone at UPC during the Lenten season. Thanks to all who planned and participated, baked, attended book and Bible studies, sang and played, handed out crosses, Lenten tokens and bulletins, led Lenten devotionals, lit candles and contributed jars to be broken.

All together, we celebrated the resurrection. We once again proved that we are the family of God and that we belong to one another – just as we belong to God.

Now our focus turns again toward the weeks following Easter (leading to Pentecost) and again to the interim process. Perhaps you remember my previous description of a few of the steps in the interim process. They include (among many others), *accessing the organizational structure within UPC to ascertain what we are doing well as well as what we aren’t doing so well. What are the mission endeavors of our church about which we feel passionately and which ones no longer serve us well? How are we doing financially, reporting our receipts and expenditures and being good stewards of the resources with which God has blessed us? What part of our history do we need to embrace and celebrate and what part of our history needs to be buried, forgiven and forgotten?

During the coming months we will begin working on a Mission Study. This will be an exciting process of discovery, celebration, assessment, clarification and visioning. This multi-step process will allow us to focus on who we are as a people, who God is calling us to be as a family of faith, who is our neighbor and how can we best serve our neighborhood? The Mission Study will allow us to look at the demographics of our church and community and survey UPC on the type leader that the church is feeling led to call as the next pastor. The months ahead are critical in helping us to clarify our identity, who we are becoming and who we can become in the years ahead with the help of God. Your prayers and participation are essential as we move into these exciting days of discovery.

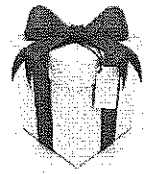
In this edition of Reaching UP, we offer one of the first tools that will enable us to diagnose the mission endeavors of our church. Included will be a link to an online survey that I want to encourage you to complete. It will ask your perception of the mission work we have done in recent years. How did those missions come to be supported by UPC? Who were some of the first providers/supporters of those missions? What missions must we continue to invest time, talent and treasure? Your completion of this survey is an essential first step.

Finally in the coming weeks, I will teach a study prior to church on 3 Sunday mornings in May. What Do Presbyterians Believe, What Does It Mean To Be a Presbyterian and How Do You Become a Member of a Presbyterian Church will highlight our discussion on Sunday, May 4, 11 and 18 at 9:00 A.M. Bring your questions and your interest and learn as I lead us. In all you do, always remember, “He is not here, He is risen, indeed!”

Blessings and Love,

Mitch

May Birthdays and Anniversaries



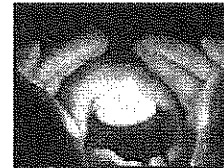
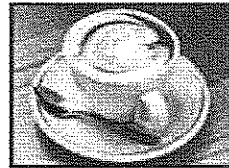
6th Alyssa Parker
9th Travis & Elfrida
Bauer Anniversary
10th Isabella Paredes
14th Fuad Haddad

15th Don & Anne
Root Anniversary
15th Terry Simpson
22nd Miriam Michael

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

Youth Group News

April Showers bring May Flowers-

It is that time of year again to order your flowers to support the UPC Youth Group. The money raised will be used to pay for summer camp at Pyoca as well as the mission trip to Buckhorn. If you have not already placed your order please email Melanie Mathis-McBride (susieq_msm@yahoo.com) by May 6.

Summer Camp-

It is not too late to sign-up for summer camp at Pyoca. Sign-up through the Pyoca web page at http://pyoca.org/camp_info.htm and let Karen Like know so we can make sure payment is made before camp begins.

Mission/Recreation trip to Buckhorn, KY. For anyone middle school age and older there is a mission trip planned leaving after church on June 1 for 5-7 days. Details will fall into place as we finalize the participant list.

In the past the general agenda would be to work a half day outside or painting depending on the weather. Some time may be spent working at the mission store or school. The rest of the time will be used to go hiking, recreation at the nearby lake, etc.




If you are interested or would like more information ask Karen Like or Melanie Mathis-McBride. We would like to have a final list by May 11 so we can hammer out details.

-Submitted by Karen Like, Education Chair

CPR/AED Certification

A CPR/AED training will be held at the church on Thursday, May 8, from 2-4:30p. The number of participants is limited to 8. If you are interested, contact Allen in the office for availability.

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!	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!
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.	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 Dea-
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	UKirk UKirk is in need of assistance with transportation, food donations, speakers, and mentors. If you are interested,
Video and Sound Systems If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound system or help in taping the weekly worship ses-	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..
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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>

Schedule of Involvement

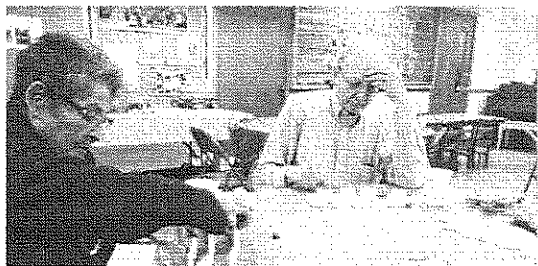
Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Sunday School is a wonderful time for children to learn, play, and fellowship. The following is May's teaching schedule for Pre K—2nd grade: 4th –Aline Haddad, 11th – Stephanie Worden 18th- Melanie Mathis-McBride 25th – Angie Notebaert. May teaching schedule for 3rd– 6th grade: 4th – Leina Joseph 11th – Linda Coggin 18th- Michelle Heitink 25th –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 May 4th – Allen Pease, Billy Rhodes, Stephanie Worden, and Rachel Loop.

UPC's Game Day



UPC held it's first game day on April 12th, 2014. The beautiful weather and busy spring schedules caused the turn out to be small. Those that were able to make it enjoyed a few hours of dominoes, snacks, fellowship, and laughter. Hope you will be able to join in the fall when the Membership committee hosts the event again.



Submitted by Elaine Hubbard, Membership Committee

Upcoming Events from the Membership Committee

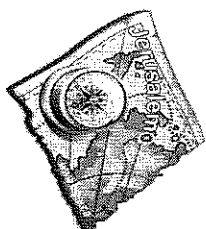
Day	Date	When	What	What to bring
Sunday	May 4 th	During Fellowship	Pitch in and Sing	Side Dishes and Dessert
Wednesday	June 11 th	6pm	Soups and Slides	Soup, Crackers, and Dessert

Looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Come to UPC's Pitch in and Sing on May 4th directly following the church service in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring your friends, neighbors, family members, or random people off the street! Membership committee will supply BBQ Chicken, we invite you to bring desserts and side dishes to share!

Submitted by Elaine Hubbard, Membership Committee

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

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

UPC Mission Survey

It's time for UPC to look at the mission we have been serving. Our church is very generous in showing love to missions near and far. It would help our session members decide the direction of service if you could let us know your thoughts on the missions we currently serve.

You can either use the online survey site or fill in the provided form and mail back to the office. You can also choose to drop off The survey when you are at the church. We encourage the entire church body to fill out the survey. **These are due by May 13th, 2014.**
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	In a sentence of two please write your perspective on how this mission came to be supported by UPC	Who was/has been instrumental in this mission?
The Nyaka Mission		
Souper Bowl Sunday (Community Kitchen)		
Presbyterian Causes/Offerings (Presbyterian Shared Missions, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Offering, Pentecost Offering, and Joy Offering)		
Backstreet Mission		
Monroe County United Ministries Mission (MCUM)		
Colby "His Eyes" Honduras Mission		
Ethnic Food Fair Mission		
Language Partner Program		

Rank in Priority, from 1-8 (1 being the most important) for UPC to support in the future	
The Nyaka Mission	
Souper Bowl Sunday (Community Kitchen)	
Presbyterian Causes/Offerings	
Backstreet Mission	
Monroe County United Ministries Mission (MCUM)	
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Rank how important it is for UPC to continue to support each of these missions 1-4 (1 is not important and 4 is critical)	
The Nyaka Mission	
Souper Bowl Sunday (Community Kitchen)	
Presbyterian Causes/Offerings	
Backstreet Mission	
Monroe County United Ministries Mission (MCUM)	
Colby "His Eyes" Honduras Mission	
Ethnic Food Fair Mission	
Language Partner Program	

Please name other mission not previously supported that UPC should consider.

1)

2)

Please give us your full name: _____

Dr Allan Boesak to deliver Laws Lecture in Columbus

Dr. Allan Boesak of South Africa, prominent anti-apartheid activist, theologian and first African president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), will give the William R. Laws Peacemaking Lecture on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at North Christian Church, 850 Tipton Lane, Columbus, IN. The lecture will be at 4:00 p.m., followed by questions and a reception. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Currently the Desmond Tutu Chair of Global Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation Studies for Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Dr. Boesak worked closely with Archbishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela as a leader in the peaceful transition of power with the ending of racial apartheid in South Africa.

Dr. Boesak has served South African churches and the worldwide ecumenical movement in numerous senior capacities, including as the youngest person ever elected to lead Presbyterian and Reformed churches worldwide as President of WARC. Among his many awards are the Robert Kennedy Human Rights Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award.

The Laws Lectures honor Rev. Laws, who served as the Moderator of the national Presbyterian Church during the turbulent time of 1970. He was a civil rights leader, youth advocate, peacemaker, and the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Indiana.

The international stature of Dr. Boesak and the legacy of Rev. Laws have inspired over twenty organizations to join First Presbyterian in sponsoring this event.

For more information about this lecture, please contact: Keith Weedman: ph [812-524-0352](tel:812-524-0352); cell [812-343-2697](tel:812-343-2697); e-mail keith@level3bydesign.com

Music from the Mountains

The University of Pikeville Concert Choir from Pikeville, Kentucky presented "Music from the Mountains", a collection of American Hymns, Spirituals, and Songs, on April 12 at Spencer Presbyterian Church.

UPCers who traveled to Spencer for the concert were Chuck & Gladys Bartholomew, Bob & Sue Lorimer, Ed Hitchcock and Allen Pease. They enjoyed a concert of works and arrangements by John Purifoy, Moses Hogan, Marta Keen, Kirby Shaw, and Kentucky folk artist John Jacob Niles.

Led by Owen Valley High School graduate, Janean Michelle Freeman, the University of Pikeville Concert Choir specializes in solo, duet, and ensemble singing and is one of two university choral ensembles at Pikeville. The university was founded in 1889 by Presbyterian missionaries. Their goal was to provide educational opportunities for the youth of the mountains. University of Pikeville currently serves as the leading institution of higher education in Central Appalachia. All from UPC who attended agreed that it was a pleasant evening of good music.

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.

Monthly Newsletter of United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. Second Street—Bloomington, IN 47401. Editors: Membership Committee: Lou Malcomb, Jeremiah and Elaine Hubbard. Andy Hill is Webmaster. Submissions are accepted.

Financial Report

We came out just below the break-even point in March. We took in a total of \$14,392.80 for the month and our expenses were \$15,011.06, giving us a negative cash flow of \$618.26 for March and a positive cash flow of \$3,647.34 for the year-to-date.

IN-COME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOS S
	OFFER- ING	MIS- SION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
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TO	41,333.50	2,736.16	1,300.00	45,369.66	41,722.32	3,647.34

Our year to date cash flow is positive, which is a good thing. However, YTD cash flow at this time last year was higher by approximately \$7,500, so we need to continue to be vigilant in managing our finances for the remainder of the year.

Thanks to your generosity in supporting the Souper Bowl collection, the Community Kitchen will receive \$416.86 from UPC to help feed hungry people in Bloomington.

It's that time of year, again, when we need to ask you to pay your per-capita, if you are able. The amount for 2014 is \$29.33 per member.

Deacons Offering

The Deacons Offering Envelope is presented in the Sunday bulletin on the first Sunday of each month. The offering supports a unique ministry. The generosity collected is used to minister to those in need who are associated with our fellowship. The Deacons also reach out to the community and, on special occasion, to charitable concerns within our denomination. All Deacons' work is confidential. For details, see any Deacon. A list of the Deacons are on the back of each Sunday Bulletin. Our normal Deacons Offering is the first Sunday of every month, but you are welcome to donate to this ministry any time.

A Note of Prayer For UPC

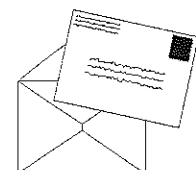
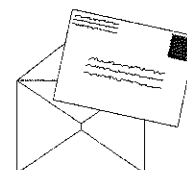
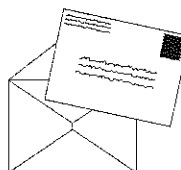
Dear United Presbyterian Church Pastors, Staff and Congregation,
Hello! Thinking about all of you!
Sending care, prayers and all the best to everyone of you! Sending peace!

Best,
Virginia Baude at First Presbyterian church in Bloomington

A Note of Thanksgiving

To all of those that helped with the Easter Breakfast, thank you. Your support and dedication to our church was greatly appreciated.

- Fellowship Committee



What's Happening in May?

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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 6:30pm AA Woman's Group 8pm AA Campus Group	2 11:45am – Men's Lunch 5:30pm – AA Women's Beginners Meeting 7:00pm – Worship service Temple Shir Tikvah	3 11am Overeaters Anonymous
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