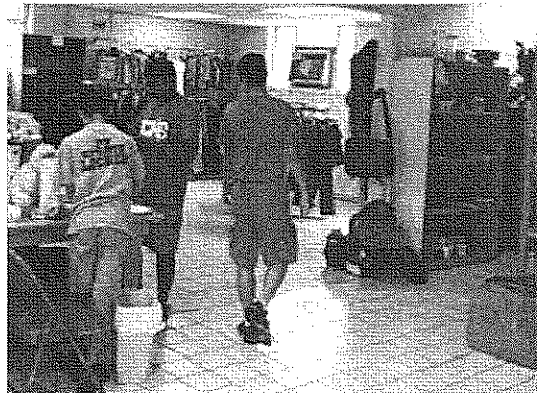


Reaching UP

United
Presbyterian
Church

On the road; On a mission



June 1-5, nine representatives from UPC traveled to Buckhorn, KY to the Log Cathedral Buckhorn Lake Area Church for a mission trip. The weather was perfect to start right in on the first day



with landscaping and painting around the church and manse. We naturally fell into teams with a mixture of adults, youth, and representatives from

Buckhorn. Later in the week when the weather was a little questionable we worked on cleaning the mission store, and at a parishioner's home. Our day started around 7:30 with everyone helping with cooking meals and saying grace before meals. Each day one of the youth would start us out with a devotional to focus our spirits on our purpose for making the trip. We met at the church at 9am to get our work goals for the day. It wasn't all work without play. The afternoons were spent swimming and fishing at



Buckhorn Lake to beat the heat and humidity. A trip to Buckhorn always involves a winding road trip to Hazard for supplies and adventure.



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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



Tuesday the Transitional/Interim pastors who serve Presbytery of Ohio Valley churches in interim situation will gather for our monthly dialogue. We formed this group because of the unique and challenging tasks related to the interim process. I have previously described the importance of the interim months. For us at United, it is important that we continue to excel in our worship, our mission endeavors, the fellowship of our congregation, Bible and book studies, the critical work of our Council (Session) and Deacons, pastoral care to the sick and homebound and management of the office. Additionally the interim process includes making sure that our mission work flows from our passion for living out our faith, our finances and reporting methods are in good order, our Session and Deacons are equipped and well-trained in their leadership tasks and the Nominating process continues to recruit new leadership. These are extremely important functions that need to happen so that UPC can be ready to call the next pastor. Below are the recent items of accomplishment:

MISSION SURVEY – Many of you took a mission survey that was designed to see how the membership feels about the mission outreach opportunities around us. A synopsis of that survey appears in a different section of ReachingUP. While the Session will need additional information, prayer and discussion about the results of the survey, it will guide us to know what areas the membership deems as important for the mission future of UPC.

BUILDING USAGE CONTRACT AND EQUIPMENT CHECK OUT FORM – UPC is fortunate to be able to share our building with several community groups. Unlike many church buildings, It is good to see that our structure is used by a variety of religious, self-help, civic and support groups. Still it is imperative that we exercise good stewardship of our building, and that it remains clean and functioning effectively. We have designed a new Building Usage Contract, which details to outside organizations our expectations of that group and underscores our expectation of ourselves in our role as a good host. Each external group who uses our building on a regular basis will be asked to sign a usage contract, which may be renewed annually. Additionally an **Equipment Check Out Form** has been created for persons who wish to borrow chairs, tables, etc. from our church. Recently we have encountered the problem of persons borrowing chairs or tables without notifying the office when they are picked up. This presents a significant challenge in needing to know when our equipment is being used and when it will be returned. PLEASE notify the church office if/when you wish to borrow any church equipment. PLEASE speak with Allen and fill out the check out form so that Allen can then inform the necessary church officer (ie., Kitchen, Christian Ed., etc.) that equipment from that area has been loaned and when it will be returned. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of our property!!

OFFICE REORGANIZATION – It has been a while since the Church Office has undergone a major restructuring. You will notice that the church library has been temporarily relocated downstairs. Clutter is being evicted and Cleanup is happening. Our purpose is to remind ourselves that UPC belongs to God, but the stewardship of our property is us to us. Thank you for being involved in the life of UPC at this critical juncture!

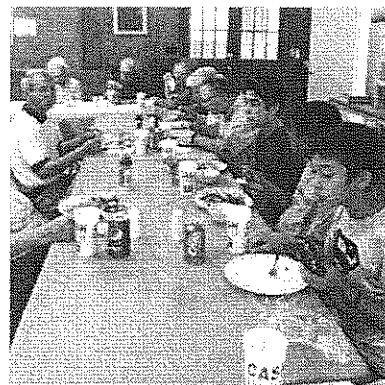
Blessings to all,

Pastor Mitch

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Usually in the evening we tried to get a little more done to complete our daily tasks. Our last night at Buckhorn the congregation had a spaghetti dinner and sing-along to thank us for our service. The attendees will give a more detailed report during the fall youth fundraising lunch. It was great to see the bond between our churches re-established after a few year



hiatus. New friendships were made between the young people of our church, youth leaders, and the members of Buckhorn. The trip was short but a lot was accomplished through hard work and joyful fellowship.

- Submitted by Karen Like, Education Chair

Additional Youth Group News

The summer ended on a sad note. We had to wish the Notebaert family well on their next adventure in Mississippi. The Sunday school sent each of the three boys off with a travel box with activities and snacks for the van ride. We finished in Fellowship Hall with cake for the whole family and the Sunday school kids decorated cupcakes. Melanie and Darian invited them out to the farm for fishing, kayaking, and a campfire in the afternoon. They will be missed!

-Submitted by Karen Like, Education Chair

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st Bob Craig
2nd Lucinda Wyman
3rd Benjamin Heitink,
Carter and Collin
Notebaert
4th Robert Pate

7th Logan McCloud
Worden
10th Nicholas McBride,,
Matthew McBride
11th Alejandra Haddad
17th Ed Toby

18th Delores Toby
25th Melanie Mathis
27th Hye-Ryoung
Kwon


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



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.

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 Deacons.
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!	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
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.	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 ob Lorimer at lorimer9@gmail.com know.	

Schedule of Involvement

Sunday School Teaching Schedule

There will only be one Sunday school class during the summer months for children preschool through 6th grade. July 6 – Karen Like, July 13 – Stephanie Worden, July 20 – children will stay in sanctuary, and July 27 – Leina Joseph.

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 July 6th—Don Root, Bob Hammel, Gerrit Heitink, and Lance Like

Jeeyoon is California Bound!

Dr. Jeeyoon Kim, our organist/choir director and dear friend, will be leaving United Presbyterian Church (UPC) on July 20, 2014.

Jeeyoon has been associated with UPC for over ten years. For the past three years she has been UPC's organist/choir director and, for two years prior to that, she was our choir director. In addition to her direction of UPC's music program, Jeeyoon has regularly blessed our congregation with her extraordinarily beautiful piano virtuosity.

Jeeyoon recently accepted a position at San Diego State University. She is also formulating plans to do more solo performance work. While saddened at her loss, we are at the same time pleased that she now has an opportunity to expand her talent. We wish her all the best in this new and exciting venture. UPC has been blessed to have her as part of our church family.



There will be a Farewell Celebration for Jeeyoon after Sunday Services on July 13th in Fellowship Hall. Watch your Sunday bulletin and mid-week e-mail reminders for details.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities For Children

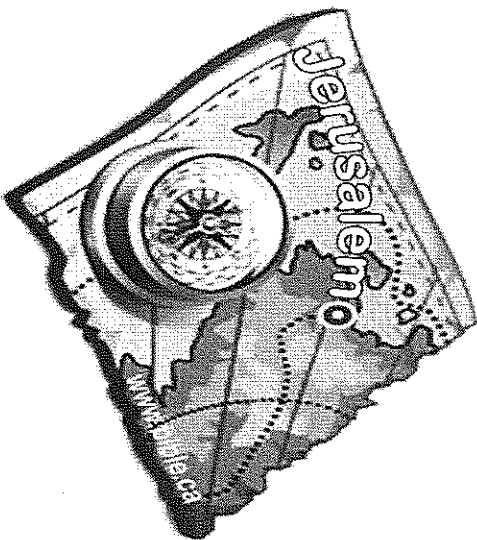
Youth Sunday School (Pre-school through sixth grade)
Following dismissal from worship

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
the Fellowship Hall
Book Study, 6 P.M. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall



Father's Day Exciting, Fun & Inspirational at UPC

In keeping with tradition, UPC marked Father's Day with our own Bob Hammel in the pulpit for the 21st Father's Day in a row! Well, there was one exception—in 2012, Bob fell ill and Reverend Bremer stepped in. Bob did give his Father's Day address several weeks later. Mr. Hammel is a long time member of United Presbyterian Church.

It was a family affair! Bob's son-in-law Fred Priest was liturgist and his daughter, Jane Hammel Priest presented the sermon for children. Fred and Jane were married here at UPC and moved to Martinsville. They attend First Christian Church over in Morgantown.

Bob's sermon, *A Father's Legacy* was well received. It was as fascinating as it was interesting as Bob recounted the creation of the King James Version of the Holy Bible in 1604. The monarch brought together forty scholars to translate the Bible, Bob explained, and we've wondered who those scholars were ever since! Some believe that William Shakespeare was one of the scholars. Bob took us through Psalm 46 to illustrate how some researchers believe Shakespeare left clues to signal that he was one of the forty scholars. Count 46 words from the beginning of Psalm 46 and then count 46 words back from the end of Psalm 46. Another clue—1604 was the year of Shakespeare's 46th birthday! So, what are we to think? Is the King James Version of the Bible part of the legacy of Shakespeare? Bob's address also illustrated how the love and upbringing of a Christian father makes a father's legacy a lasting legacy.



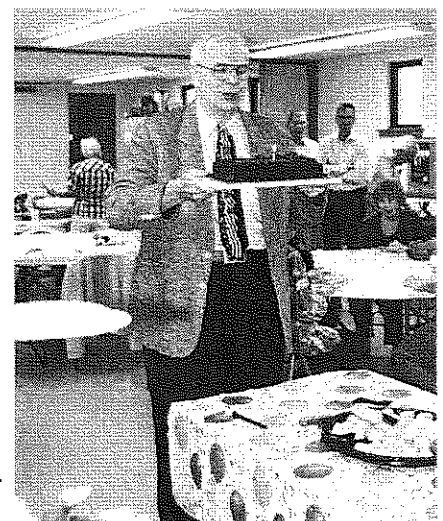
Marcia & Rick Hammel, Julie, Bob, Elizabeth Hubbard, Jane Hammel Priest, Stephanie Hubbard, Bradley & John David Hubbard, Jason Hubbard, Pat Priest, Fred Priest and John Priest

Further illustrating that it's a family affair, Bob's wife, Julie Hammel, also a long time member of UPC, again hosted the annual *Donuts for Dads* Fellowship Hour immediately after the worship service. *Donuts for Dads* always brings a smile to the faces of those attending. Julie and the Fellowship Committee did a good job again this year with a tray of Square Donuts taking center stage on the refreshment table.

Can It Be!?!? By Allen Pease

At the end of last Summer I wasn't sure I'd see my next birthday. That's when I discovered without a shadow of a doubt—prayer works! So does good friends and wonderful relatives and fantastic doctors! It also helps if you pay attention to your doctors and allow your friend and relatives to help you. On Sunday, June 15—Father's Day—I stood in Fellowship Hall after hearing an inspirational sermon from Bob Hammel. A wonderful church family sang Happy Birthday to me! I blew out the candle on a luscious double chocolate cake. Can it be? Can this be happening? Can I be celebrating my 70th birthday! Yes! And not only did I celebrate with these loving friends—I felt good!!! Thank God and thank all of you for making my 70th so exceptional!

Allen celebrates 70! Photo by Souheil.



Financial Report

Expenses exceeded income again in May. We took in a total of \$10,674.46 for the month and our expenses were \$14,992.72, giving us a negative cash flow of \$4,318.26 for May and a negative cash flow of \$2,973.70 for the year-to-date.

IN-					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOS
	OFFER-	MIS-	FUND R.	TOTAL		
MAY	9,065.53	446.00	1,162.93	10,674.46	14,992.72	-4,318.26
TO	62,539.53	4,279.16	2,762.93	69,581.62	72,555.32	-2,973.70

This month we went into negative territory for the year to date. Expenses are up and contributions are down. Attendance is also down significantly from last year. We seem to be losing members faster than we are bringing in new ones. Consider inviting friends or acquaintances to church, Bible studies, or events such as our soups and slides night. While we are not in financial trouble yet, we do need to maintain a certain level of membership for sustainability.

Response to our requests for members, who are able, to pay their Per-Capita has been slow. As of May 31st, we've only received \$375.00 toward our annual per-capita obligation of \$2288.00. The amount for 2014 is \$29.33 per member.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSION SURVEY RESULTS...

Recently approximately 30% of the congregation completed a survey related to the mission activities of United Presbyterian. The Ethnic Food Fair, Language Partners Program, Backstreet Mission, Monroe Area Ministries, the Colby "His Eyes" Honduras Mission, Nyaka Uganda Mission, Souper Bowl Sunday and the PC (USA) Peacemaking, Pentecost, Joy and One Great Hour Of Sharing Offerings.

THE SURVEY SAYS...

Those completing the survey were asked to rank the above mission endeavors in terms of where priorities should be directed. The partial results are:

*Monroe United Ministries ranked first in terms of where UPC feels that we should be spending the greatest amount of time and money. (During the last 5 years, Monroe United Ministries ranked LAST in amount of time and money invested by UPC in that we have only donated canned goods rather than money or volunteer time!!)

*Souper Bowl Sunday (traditionally an offering taken on the actual Super Bowl Sunday (1st Sunday in February) ranked second in desired prioritization. (During the last 5 years, Souper Bowl funds ranked next to last in monies donated (These funds are directed to Community Kitchen)

It is apparent that we are being challenged to invest greater time and money in local mission efforts. Habitat for Humanity, Volunteers in Medicine, Pregnancy Care Center, Teen Challenge-Warehouse Christian Ministry, Homeless Winter Shelter? Which ones are we being led to investigate further? Which would warrant a 2nd and 3rd look? Which might you be led to participate in with volunteer hours or monies donated? We would be interested in hearing from you about these important mission opportunities.

What Happened at POV Assembly—June 10, 2014

On Tuesday, June 10, delegates from all parts of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley gathered at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Washington, Indiana. Our own Reverend Mitchell Coggin and Reverend Sarah Cechran were in attendance. Below is a brief summary of the event provided to us by the POV office.

Worship—As always, our meetings start and end in worship. In the middle we fill the space that is worship too. This meeting Kevin Fleming was our preacher. Kevin is the pastor at First Church in Evansville. His message was heavily focused on mission/stewardship/good witness already in place in our midst and the call to greet the future. The celebration of Communion at the close of service was led by Murray Thompson who will soon retire as the pastor at Bloomfield.

Design Team Report—The Presbytery structure was adopted approximately 5 years ago. It has served us well in some respects, but was a sweeping concept when initiated. Some parts of that structure have worked, some have never really been fully implemented and some have faced challenges in accomplishing goals. There is, currently, a “Design Team” in place that is seeking to adjust and tune our current structure into a more functional tool for mission.

That team brought an initial report to Assembly including a bylaw revision that would more adequately support the mission of “what we want to be” as a Presbytery. A more complete design will come to us in our December meeting.

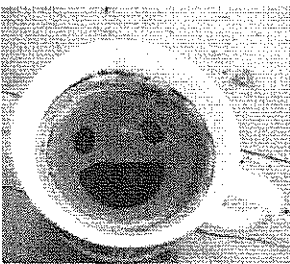
CRE Dick Poff – Dick was re-commissioned as the Commissioned Ruling Elder Pastor at Spencer Bethany. In two tours of service at Bethany, Dick will now enter his 11th year with the congregation.

Next Meeting—Our next meeting, September 13, will be in Dale. We will help dedicate the new work at Dale in the Micah Center. The Stated Clerk of General Assembly, Grayde Parsons, will preach for us at that service.

Minimum Salary Recommendation—The Committee on Ministry report included a preview of minimum salary changes—the compensation will be an increase of 1 ½ percent taking the number to \$44,856 when no manse is provided. There is also, as has been published widely a 1 ½ % charge for dependent coverage for dependent family members that will be an additional item of need for clergy calls.

Other Committees—The Assembly also heard reports from the POV Academy, The Mission Partnership Workgroup, PYOCA, Staff Reports and the shared information of the “Good News from the Pews”.

Fellowship Hour



Fellowship Hour has been a long standing Presbyterian tradition. It is a time when our entire congregation looks forward to sharing with one another, over coffee and snacks. Everyone is invited to attend, and it is held immediately following the worship service. This is your chance to see your church family and get caught up with those you haven't seen, and meet and greet our visitors.

Fellowship hour can be hosted by groups, families, or individuals. If you feel led to serve in this way, a sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

What's Happening in July?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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REACHING UP NEEDS YOU!!!!

Please let us know what type of articles you would like to see in the monthly newsletters.

- Information about members?
- What our members have been up to?
- Events in the community?
- What is happening in the Presbytery?

Please email Elaine at NPLane01@aol.com

And let her know what interests you or if you

Would like to write articles!

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