

Reaching UP

United
Presbyterian
Church

Walled history

The story behind the tombstones at the Presbyterian Historical Society



The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia holds a special place in the history of the faith.

In an 1830 letter to Albert Barnes, Samuel Miller of Princeton Theological Seminary called it “the mother of us all.” As the first Presbyterian church in Colonial America’s most Presbyterian city, it is the flagship church of early Presbyterianism.

Little of the original church remains, in part owing to the congregation’s mobility through the years. Organized in 1698, First Church’s original home, known as “Old Buttonwood,” was located on Market and Bank streets. After moves in 1820 to Seventh and Locust Streets and in 1928 to Fifteenth and Locust, it moved a fourth and final time to Twenty-First and Walnut Streets in 1949.

Some of the few remnants of “Old Buttonwood” can be found at the Presbyterian Historical Society — in the form of tombstones embedded in the northern wall. How did the tombstones become literal parts of our building? Tombstone embedded in wall of Presbyterian Historical Society, 2014. — Presbyterian Historical Society

When the First Presbyterian Church moved from Market Street, it left behind a burial ground on Bank Street. When that plot was sold, more than 100 years of remains had to be removed and reinterred. That happened between 1847 and 1848, when a mass grave in Laurel Hill Cemetery became the new resting place for 1,500 souls. Today, beneath a monument commemorating the reinterred, a staircase leads to a crypt containing the ashes and bones of those bodies formerly buried beside Bank Street.

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Letter from the Pastor



Surely you remember the riveting picture of Uncle Sam, forefinger pointing in the direction of the camera, with the caption underneath, "I want YOU for US Army."

Originally published as the cover for the July 6, 1916, issue of Leslie's Weekly with the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" this portrait of "Uncle Sam" went on to become--according to its creator, James Montgomery Flagg--"the most famous poster in the world." Over four million copies were printed between 1917 and 1918, as the United States entered World War I and began sending troops and material into war zones. "I WANT YOU" with the same intensity expressed in the Uncle Sam poster of the War. I present two opportunities that I would like to ask that you prayerfully consider in the coming weeks:

MISSION STUDY TASK FORCE: One of the key features of the Interim process is to conduct a Mission Study. The study is an intentional process that will help us celebrate who we are as a church and a people, clarify our strengths and assets in terms of people, ministries, monies and property available, examine the demographics of our city and community as it relates to UPC and finally an opportunity to begin to name the characteristics of the pastor and church that we envision for our future. The Mission Study is a process that involves the entire church by way of focus groups, individual surveys, town hall meetings and worship services. The Mission Study will produce a document that the Pastor Nominating Committee, to be named later, will use in the development of the important Mission Information Form (formally the Church Information Form) by which potential candidates for pastor will learn who our church is and desires to be. The work of the Mission Study Task Force will begin in September and conclude by the middle of November. The Task Force should have 5-7 individuals who might be available to meet weekly during the dates named above, and assist in this important process. I need you to think and pray about this critical next step in the life of our church!!!

WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER: Another need that has arisen comes in the way of an opportunity. From October – March, a coalition of churches seeks to provide a shelter for the homeless. Seven nights a week during these extremely cold months, four Bloomington churches open their doors to homeless men and women. First Christian Church has taken two of the seven nights in their facility at the corner of Kirkwood & Fourth Street. Until now, that congregation provided the necessary volunteers to staff the shelter for the two nights. First Christian is looking to fill one night per month (such as, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Thursday) with volunteers from other church groups willing to take up the slack. Volunteers will go to the First Christian facility on these nights and can serve one or more of the following shifts:

Set-up shift (less than 1 hour in late afternoon/early evening)

Set-up cots, blankets, pillows and chairs, Put out snacks

Intake shift (8:15 – 11:45 pm)

Sign-in guests and assign cots, Work the line of guests waiting for admission

Overnight shift (11:45 pm – 3:15 am)

Maintain a quiet, watchful, prayerful presence, Assist shift leader with any emergencies that may develop (very rare)

Wake-up shift (3:15 – 7:00 am)

Maintain quiet, watchful, prayerful presence, Wake-up any guests who've left an early wake-up call, Wake-up all guests at 6:00 am

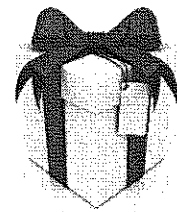
Clean-up shift (less than 1 hour starting at 7:00 am)

Tidy-up dorms in preparation for Friday night guests, Clean bathrooms; check toilet paper and paper towel supply

UPC is being asked to staff one night a month. The Shelter is a "low barrier" shelter which means that persons are admitted not on the basis of sobriety, but on the basis of need and willingness to maintain good conduct. All volunteers will be trained prior to serving any shift. Would you be willing to consider joining our UPC Volunteer Team for the Winter Homeless Shelter??

I'm offering a Sunday morning Sunday School class to more fully describe the options and needs listed above for the Mission Study and the Winter Shelter. I would welcome your call of interest or questions prior to the class but greater detail will be shared on SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 in the Parlor at 9:00 AM. Would you pray about both opportunities? Pray specifically that God will call forth the people who are a good fit for each. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Love and Blessings,



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

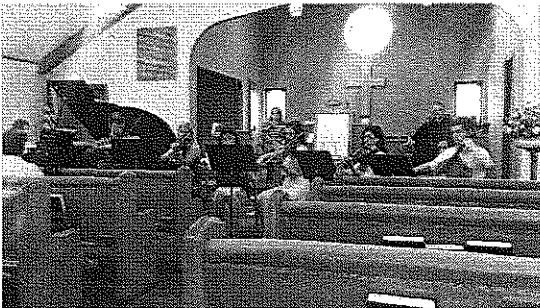
4 Mary Lou Rhoades
6 Bob and Betty Craig
Anniversary
7 Lou Malcomb
8 Darian McBride
9 Elaine and Jeremiah
Hubbard Anniversary

10 Jim Fritch
12 Emma Leonard
12 Bob Lorimer
16 Vera Heitink
19 Joe & Renee
Stubenrauch
Anniversary

19 Rachel Worden
20 Souheil Haddad
24 Susan Furukawa
27 Bill & Mary Lou
Rhoades
Anniversary
27 Naoyuiki Furukawa

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

Thank You Summer String Academy!






The IU Jacobs School of Music Summer String Academy For Violinists, Violists, and Cellists ages 12-18, visited UPC in July. This program is in its 30th year. The String Academy offers serious young string players an intensive and varied program under the direction of faculty and guest artists.



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 |
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| 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 bloomington@gmail.com | 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. | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> |

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. The teaching schedule for July is as follows: 3-Karen Like, 10-Michelle Heitink, 17-Linda Coggin, 24-Aline Haddad Please be looking for announcements in the bulletin and in the weekly UPC emails for any changes.

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 August 3rd—Karen Like, John Swanson, Bob Hammel, and Judie Iverson

Financial Report

June was a good month for us. We took in a total of \$13,862.92 for the month and our expenses were \$12,371.33, giving us a positive cash flow of \$1,491.59 for June, but a negative cash flow of \$1,482.11 for the year-to-date.

| INCOME | | | | | EXPENSES | GAIN/LOSS |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | OFFERING | MISSION | FUND R. | TOTAL | | |
| JUNE | 10,925.80 | 1,178.00 | 1,759.12 | 13,862.92 | 12,371.33 | 1,491.59 |
| TO DATE | 73,465.33 | 5,457.16 | 4,522.05 | 83,444.54 | 84,926.65 | -1,482.11 |

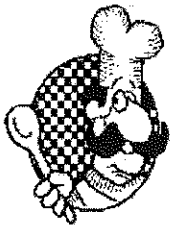
It is encouraging to have a positive month after four deficit months. The summer months can be difficult, so it is important for everyone to keep their pledges up to date.

We took in a total of \$778.00 for the Pentecost Offering. Children at risk, youth and young adult volunteers will benefit from your generosity.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

Yummy Spaghetti Dinner!

Get this on your calendar now! Thursday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Worship Committee invites all to an old fashioned Spaghetti Dinner to benefit UPC's music program. The dinner includes Fazoli's wonderful spaghetti with meat sauce, Fettuccini Alfredo, tossed salad, bread sticks and all the pasta and salad fixings you could imagine plus dessert and milk or coffee. All you can eat! It's only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 8 and under.

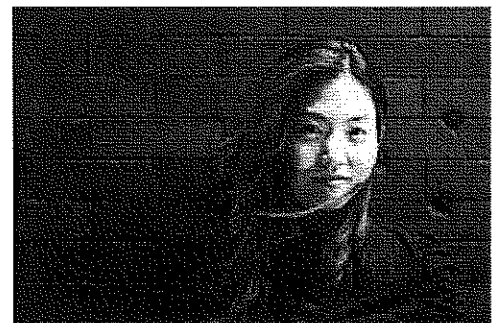


There's More! The Worship Committee will also be conducting a Silent Auction to benefit the music program throughout the month of August. A variety of items will be on display accompanied by bid sheets in Fellowship Hall each day in August. Final bidding and awarding of the items will be at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Be sure to make plans for this great evening now so that your calendar is clear to attend. The Worship Committee encourages everyone to invite friends, relatives, co-workers, teachers, neighbors and classmates!

Jeeyoon is California Bound!

Dr. Jeeyoon Kim, last day as UPC's organist/choir director was July 20th. Her music has been an inspiration and a loving gift to our congregation. She has been associated with UPC for over ten years, and her presence will be missed. Jeeyoon accepted a position at San Diego State University. UPC sent her off with a memory book, cake, and a hymnal. We know she will do great things and we will continue to pray for her growth in California.



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During the 18th century, First Presbyterian Church had a second burial plot at Fourth and Pine Street in what was then a remote corner of Philadelphia. Part of that land became Third Presbyterian Church, which was erected from 1767 to 1768.

By 1792, the Third Presbyterian Church had purchased most of the land at Fourth and Pine streets, though First Presbyterian Church still owned the western end of the property, which it used as a burial ground. As bodies were being removed from Bank Street, 900 that did not go to Laurel Hill were reinterred next to Pine Street.



The Pine Street cemetery, today adjacent to Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church, also served another useful purpose. Families that opted to have their ancestors reinterred at Laurel Hill Cemetery were not allowed to bring headstones, some of which dated from the eighteenth century, including one inscribed with the date 1745.

“That bothered some of the descendants,” said Ronn Shaffer, director of the Old Pine Conservancy, “so they removed family headstones, brought them over to Pine Street, and leaned them against the south and west walls.”

In the 1840s, the burial ground on Pine Street was enclosed with a brick wall that the Third Presbyterian Church had built to replace a wooden fence local residents pilfered for firewood. To the south of the brick wall ran a small alley called Terror Street, which was eventually renamed Addison Street. Today, Addison Street runs intermittently west to east.

The plot owned by the First Presbyterian Church, which included 43 tombstones from the Bank Street burial ground, was eventually sold to the Third Presbyterian Church. In the early 1960s, when the Presbyterian Historical Society started looking for a new home, it purchased an abandoned lot behind the Third Presbyterian Church as the site of its new headquarters.

During construction, the old south wall of the church cemetery was torn down and Addison Street became the rear of the Society’s new headquarters. To preserve the old tombstones, the architects decided to embed thirty of them — some more than 200 years old — in the northern wall of the new building.

If you visit Bank Street today, between Market and Chestnut streets, you will find a small urban alleyway filled with apartment buildings, offices, and a nightclub. It’s hard to believe that this was once a green burial space for the city’s first Presbyterians.

Luckily, part of that past is preserved in the walls of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Author: David Koch is described by the Presbyterian Historical Society as “a professional archivist and amateur sleuth.” This story can be found <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2014/7/18/walled-history/>

As always, submissions are welcome for the Reaching UP publications. Don’t be shy, we know you have great things to say!

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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What's Happening in August?

| ~ AUGUST 2014 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| Sunday Evening Schedule: 6:00pm Overeaters Anonymous 8:00 pm – AA Cam- pus Group | | | | | 1 11:45am – Men's Lunch 5:30pm – AA Women's Beginners Meeting 7:00pm – Worship service Temple Shir Tikvah | 2 11am Overeaters Anonymous |
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Adults and College Students

Spiritual Growth Opportunities For Children

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

College Students and Young Adults

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

