

Reaching UP

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Church

First Spaghetti Dinner was a success!

The UPC Worship Committee hosted its first ever Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on August 28 in Fellowship Hall. The event was to raise funds for the UPC music program. The committee is delighted to report that the dinner and auction were a success. The Worship Committee served 68 people. In addition to many UPC friends and members, attendees let us know that they were from various groups including Kiwanis Club of Bloomington, Eastside Neighborhood Association and IU Army ROTC. The staff from Fazoli's did a great job of preparing and serving. Many compliments were received on the Fazoli's menu as well as on the homemade desserts donated by UPC friends and members.



A great deal of fun was had with the Silent Auction which brought in \$280. We also realized \$32 from soft drink sales and \$652 from ticket sales. Added to this was an additional \$503 in cash donations. After expenses, we cleared an amazing \$1,057.17! The Worship Committee will use this money only for special music. This prevents the Worship Committee budget for Music for Worship from going over-budget for 2014 as well as allows the 2015 Worship Committee budget for Music for Worship to be the same as or slightly lower than the 2014 budget. The Committee is considering doing another fund raiser in the spring of 2015 and doing the Spaghetti Dinner again in the fall of 2015.

The Worship Committee thanks the people of UPC for helping make the Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction such a great success. The Committee also has a special *Thank You* for Krista Detor, Barbara Gardner, Bob Hammel, Aida Haddad, Fadi Haddad, Michelle Heitink, Ed Hitchcock, Judie Iverson, Evelyn Foster, Karen Like, Bob Lorimer, Sue Lorimer, Lou Malcomb, Billy Rhoades, Mary Lou Rhoades and Anne Root.



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Letter from the Pastor



Peter Steinke is an author and respected congregational consultant for churches throughout the world. Dr. Steinke has been a pastor, educator and psychotherapist for clergy. In his book *Congregational Leadership In Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What.*, Dr. Steinke describes the path that church leaders may take to channel the anxiety that overwhelms most churches. Within the last year, UPC has said “Goodbye” to numerous persons who have moved, died, and/or become inactive for one reason or another. Still we have remained faithful and positive, trusting that God has a plan for the current and future mission and ministry of our church.

Dr. Steinke relates the story of the three bricklayers working on the same project. The first bricklayer is asked what he is doing, His answer, “I am laying bricks.” The second one replies that he is erecting a wall.” The third bricklayer says, “I am building a cathedral.” In anxious times, we need the third bricklayers vision, focusing on what might be possible and seeing opportunity that is buried in the confusion. This describes our challenge and opportunity during these coming months. Can we envision our ministry as building a structure in which future generations can work and worship, play and pray? Over the last several weeks, I have seen many of you building such a structure.

Your work and dedication to the **Ethnic Food Fair** was amazing! The food was incredible! But the real treat was seeing over 180 friends, family and neighbors fill our parking lot with satisfied smiles. You should be proud UPC! While many of those people may never attend a Sunday morning worship service, your warm greeting, hot food and friendship offered was a ministry to each of the 180+ who attended. Through events like that, you are building a cathedral.

Over the last several weeks, at least ten of you have been looking into the possibility of volunteering at First Christian Church one night per month in the **Interfaith Winter Homeless Shelter**. I have seen you take a look at ministry that will not be easy, and a ministry that will put you in contact with the most needy folk in Bloomington. Jesus said, “As you have (served, loved, ministered to) the least of these, so have you (served, loved and ministered to) me.” Please consider joining our group of volunteers on one of the shifts that we will work the first Thursday of each month from November – April. In essence the ministry that we provide there at First Christian will in turn strengthen the church we are building at 1701 E. 2nd Street.

In the coming weeks we are building a church by contributing to our youth’s faith development. Through the process of **confirmation**, our youth are instructed, led, and challenged to confirm that faith their parents expressed for them during their baptism years ago. This is one of the most important ministries that we will do as a church. You will hear more throughout these winter months between now and Easter how you might pray, support, participate with and encourage those looking to be confirmed.

Finally we are building a church through the naming of new leaders and officers. Consider prayerfully the work of the Nominating Committee as they look to find places of ministry and opportunity for all willing to work for their church as we build our cathedral together. Thanks for all you do! Thanks for your support and prayers!

Love and Blessings to each of you,
Mitch

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Youth News

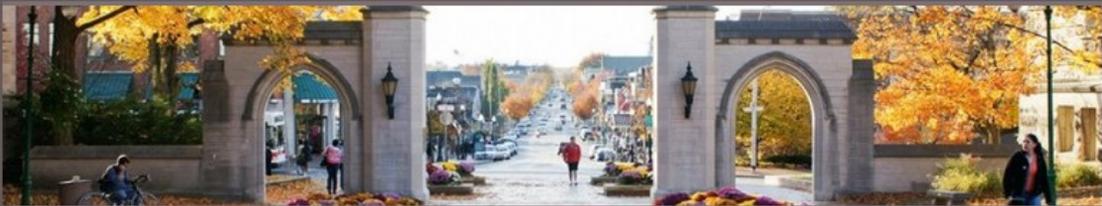
Plan on staying for Fellowship Hour on November 9th. The youth will be having their annual fundraising lunch. The youngsters will be serving up salad, bean soup, cornbread, and dessert. Following our meal the youth and adults will update you on all that they have done this past year. All the events are centered on the youth but are not limited to the youth. If you would like to get to know our youth better you are welcome to join them with any activity or sponsor an event.

If you are interested in participating in the next communicant's class please contact Rev. Coggin. We are going to try a very diverse curriculum with reading, speakers, field trips, and discussion. The class will only meet once or twice a month for approximately 6 months.

UKirk

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WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO CALENDAR CHURCHES PRESBYTERIES UKIRK PCUSA



Welcome

Did you find us here because you are looking for a place to connect with others in meaningful ways? A place to blow off steam or to catch a breath? A place to be challenged and inspired for something more? A place to live into being God's beloved creation? **A place to be fed and find family?** If so, we're glad!

If you have any questions, contact me @ miheek at gmail dot com. Would love to meet you soon!

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FELLOWSHIP

We are a Presbyterian fellowship of students at Indiana University seeking to be an alternative space for experiencing the Triune God through community and mission. We are open to any and all!

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

My Tweets

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Jessica Hong
7 Kimberly Stephens
13 Jessica Loop
14 Gerrit Heitink
22 David Bremer

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



How to Get Involved

Sunday Morning

Anytime

Volunteering with Sunday School

Do you love children? Are you excited about crafts and kids/teens? 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 bloomington@gmail.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.

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.

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

Teaching Schedule: Pre-K – 6th grade on November 9th will be Leina Joseph and the 16th will be Aline Hamati-Haddad. The teen class will be taught by Michelle Heitink on the 9th and by Stephanie Worden on the 16th. During the remaining Sundays, children and teens will stay in the Sunday Service.

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 November 9th.

Financial Report

We're catching up on reporting by showing financial figures for two months in this issue. In August, we did slightly better than breaking even and in September, we were slightly below the break-even point. We took in a total of \$22,658.58 for the two months and our expenses were \$22,168.84, giving us a net positive cash flow of \$489.74 for August and September combined, and a negative cash flow of \$7,347.00 for the year-to-date.

IN-COME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
AUGUST	11,100.97	400.00	1,194.61	12,695.58	11,698.36	997.22
SEPT.	9,233.00	400.00	330.00	9,963.00	10,470.48	-507.48
TO DATE	102,218.58	6,657.16	7,311.78	116,187.52	123,534.52	-7,347.00

Although we did much better than in July, We are still behind where we were last year at this time by \$14,862.26. We plan to do a pledge drive again this year in late October, so please be on the look-out for this material.

The spaghetti dinner and silent auction fund raiser was very successful. A total of \$1,057.17 was raised, after expenses. All of this money will be used to supplement our budget for the music program. Results of the Ethnic Food Fair will be reported next month.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman
Youth Happenings

Fifteenth UPC Ethnic Food Fair a Success!

On Saturday, September 27, 2014 UPC celebrated its 15th Annual Ethnic Food Fair. The event was a rousing success! We served a total of 183 people. As usual, for the 15th consecutive year we served a wide variety of home-made ethnic food. The purpose was to illustrate the congregation's diversity while expanding upon fellowship opportunities. The focus was on the opportunity for friends and members of UPC to prepare and share food from their native countries, including regions of North America. This makes it possible for guests to enjoy the various *tastes from home* of UPCers with the knowledge that the dishes were lovingly made by the people of UPC. The 2014 UPC Ethnic Food Fair co-chairs were Vera Heitink, Lou Malcomb and Allen Pease.

Not only was the Ethnic Food Fair successful in terms of attendance, fellowship and fine food, it was a financial success also. After expenses, UPC cleared \$1,856.01! One of the most financially successful we've ever had.

Volunteers are the main reason for such success—the people of United Presbyterian Church. A huge team of volunteers pitched in to cook, set-up, sell tickets, decorate, staff on the day of the event and clean-up. And, of course the cooking was phenomenal! From the bottom of their hearts, the Ethnic Food Fair co-chairs thank all of the volunteers who made the 15th Annual event so wonderful!

Remembering Wedding Bells!

This past month of August marked an amazing milestone for two United Presbyterian couples. Sixty five years of wedded bliss were observed by Bob and Betty Craig and Billy and Mary Lou Rhoades. Bob and Betty's 65th anniversary was August 6 and Billy and Mary Lou's was August 27.

After morning worship on Sunday, August 24, friends and members of UPC gathered in Fellowship Hall to celebrate. A beautiful 65th Wedding Anniversary Cake was presented to Billy and Mary Lou. It was decorated with frosting of white, pink and Mary Lou's favorite color—green! More than 60 friends shook hands with or hugged or congratulated Billy and Mary Lou—some folks did all three! This photo of Mary Lou, Billy and their cake was snapped at the event and clearly illustrates the joy that filled UPC's Fellow-



The first signs of Christmas at UPC . . .

These two announcements tell us that Christmas is just around the corner!

Annual Haddad Christmas Dinner – Once again, the gracious Alejandra and Souheil Haddad will open their home for Christmas Dinner on December 13 at 6 p.m. After more than twenty years of hosting this event, the annual Haddad Christmas Party is certainly no less than a Christmas tradition for UPC. All we have to do is show up! And eat! And laugh! And sing! It's 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 will be in the Narthex soon. Please mark on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride and transportation will be provided.

Hat & Mitten Tree – The Mission Committee will have the Hat & Mitten Tree, a long-time tradition at UPC, up and ready November 2 so we can decorate it with donated winter gear each Sunday through November 30. UPC friends and members are urged to festoon the tree with hats, mittens, gloves, earmuffs and scarves in child and teen sizes during the time the tree is up. These 'decorations' will then be taken to Monroe County United Ministries on December 1 for distribution in time for Christmas to Monroe County children and teens in need. Let's make this the best hat and mitten tree ever—bring your donations and hang them ASAP!

Don't forget to set your clocks.
November 2nd, we fall back
an hour at 2am!

**Attention anyone in Jr High,
Senior High
Or anyone who wants to find out more
about this thing called ... Faith!!!**

CONFIRMATION

WHAT CONFIRMATION IS NOT:

- *People lecturing at you...
- *Boring meetings...

WHAT CONFIRMATION IS...

- *Scavenger hunts
- *Meeting new friends
- *Asking questions
- *Discovering new ideas
- *Meeting God at your level
- *Being creative
- *Having fun
- *Pigging out!

UPC Scrip Program Needs You

What a wonderful way to help your church!

It doesn't cost you a cent!

Use the UPC Scrip Program to enhance your holidays!

Each participant receives 100% face value for every Scrip card purchased and the merchants return a

Two Sundays to Order!

Order Sunday, November 2 and pick up your order Sunday, November 9.

Order Sunday, December 7 and pick up your order Sunday, December 14.

A few ideas to use scrip for

Thanksgiving Turkey? Use UPC Scrip!

Christmas goose? Use UPC Scrip!

Holiday ham? Use UPC Scrip!

Sweet potatoes? Use UPC Scrip!

Mashed potatoes? Use UPC Scrip!

Pumpkin pie for dessert? Use UPC Scrip!

Christmas Tree ornaments? Use UPC Scrip!

Gift wrap & bows? Use UPC Scrip!

Candles for the table? Use UPC Scrip!

Christmas dinner centerpiece? Use UPC Scrip!

Host/hostess gifts? Use UPC Scrip!

Gifts for Mom & Dad? Use UPC Scrip!

Gifts for the kids? Use UPC Scrip!

Food donation for United Ministries? Use UPC Scrip!

What's Happening in November?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Deacon's Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship and Communion 11am Fellowship	3	4	5 8pm Overeaters Anonymous	6 6pm Self Realization 6:30pm AA Women'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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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
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

