

# Reaching UP

**United  
Presbyterian  
Church**

## Town Hall Meeting #2

On March 8, 2015 members and attenders of UPC had a Town Hall Meeting to identify UPC needs for change. After a wonderful lunch of fish and loaves, headed by Deacon Lou Malcomb with a team of wonderful cooks, attendees broke into groups to tackle the subject of gremlins that face UPC by visiting 3 of the 6 available discussion tables:



**Table 1: Philippians 4:4-9** (Communication – too much or not enough information)

**Table 2: Romans 8: 28-39** (Worship – how we formulate worship)

**Table 3&4: I Corinthians 12:4-11 and 27-31** (Declining Numbers, Internal and External Outreach-people dying)

**Table 5: Ephesians 4:25-32** (Aging Building Infrastructure – equipment breaking down)

**Table 6: Titus 3:1-8** (Name Your Issues)

Table conversations were solution focused and reported back to the group. Items that could be focused on quickly were identified as low hanging fruit and other items were identified for future committees that have yet to be formed. The great news is that some needs have already been addressed!

### Low Hanging Fruit

- Updating the website
- Greeter at the front door
- Flyer to new members
- Everyone identifying what people are willing to participate in
- Everyone use their name tags

### Items that need a little more time to focus

- Prioritization of who we are – target of who we want to focus on
- Prepare to market—Communication
- Social Media
- Update worship service needs
- Outside financial opportunities

### Take Away

- Change will happen
- Change has no ending, UPC will continue (we are looking ahead in this church, we are not looking behind us)
- We need to be mindful of their gifts and willingness to share with UPC



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Please let the church know if you would like to take part in these exciting changes (upcbloomington@gmail.com)

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## Letter from the Pastor



You may have noticed some of the side streets adjacent to UPC during recent weeks. Tree trimming trucks, utility trucks, construction vehicles, etc. have lined the streets and congested pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The city is both working to relieve a system that continues to dump water into the gas lines and prune trees that pose a danger. The more philosophical answer is that the City of Bloomington is experiencing an infrastructure makeover. Actually the same is happening at UPC. Many of you have been involved in the Strategic Planning process of late. You have participated in the table discussions that help us connect to our God-given mission and vision of who we have been as a people and a congregation, who we continue to be as a family of faith and who we are being called to become in our city and neighborhood. Just as the city has had to access pipes that no longer serve a purpose, we also have engaged in this period of discernment in what UPC programs are outdated and should no longer be considered as priorities, as well as what new missions UPC might adopt.

Some of the basics to which we need to recommit ourselves are:

- Faithful prayer that God is and will lead us toward greater clarity of purpose and mission.
- Greater communication and outreach with the Eastside community, and with those who regularly use our building.
- Investigating grants and other funding options for improvement of our elevator, boiler, sound system, etc.
- Continue to be guided toward the permanent and installed pastor that will lead UPC into the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The sign gives clear warning—“Tree Work Ahead.” To the wise observer, that means “Drive carefully. Falling limbs. Workers and equipment in roadway.” UPC is experiencing “Tree Work” as well. But our “tree work” doesn’t imply words of warning, but visions of hope and purpose. God continues to grow us into the future. God continues to *prune* us through death and relocation. God continues to nourish us so that we might remain strong. Our “tree work” will continue into the days to come and lead us to complete our Mission Study, petition the Presbytery’s Committee On Ministry for authorization to form a Pastor Nominating Committee, call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the persons that God desires for that Committee, and to search for the person that is already being formed as the next pastor.



I hope you are praying for and participating in our own tree work and that we will soon see the growth that we have planned/prayed for!

With Love and Blessings,  
Pastor Mitch

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## Youth in Action

### MCUM Hunger Games-

Support the MCUM spring fundraising drive March 1 – April 22 to raise \$40,000 and 8,000 lbs of food. Visit the display the Sunday School kids have made in the hallway to pick-up a list of needed items:



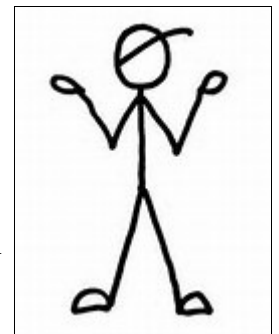
- *Donate food (leave in the red wagon or Fellowship Hall, list of most needed items at hallway display)*
- *Box Tops for Education*
- *Submit a recipe (4-day food supply list provided at hallway display)*
- *Monetary donation (make check to UPC and put in collection basket)*
- *General cleaning products (list provided at hallway display)*
- *Hygiene products (list provided at hallway display)*

The UPC Youth are competing against other congregations for a Hunger Games trophy!



### Flowers are a sign of Spring-

Wouldn't you like to see some colorful flowers in your garden this summer? The UPC Youth will once again be selling flowers provided by Kelps in Nashville to raise money for the Buckhorn mission trip. Start planning out the garden and telling friends you will be selling. The list of available items will come out late April with delivery May 9-10. If you need help planting the flowers let Karen Like know and she will arrange for some youngsters to do the digging.



### Mission Trip-

Time to pencil in dates for the mission trip to Buckhorn. Right now we are looking at early June (possibly June 4-7). If we overlap with a Saturday we can help with the mission store and food distribution. Handyman knowledge and skills are in significant need. Everyone 12 and older is welcome!



## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Stephanie Worden  
5 Karen Ferenczy  
8 Jan Berend Heitink  
7 Colleen Swanson  
11 Rudy Kaster

12 Bill Worden  
12 Cynthia Bauer  
15 Noah Like  
17 Jesse McBride  
20 Rachel Loop

25 Lance & Karen Like  
Anniversary  
25 Elfrida Bauer  
27 Yukie Furukawa  
27 Linda Coggin

If you would like to make additions to the birthday and anniversary calendar please email:  
[upcbloington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloington@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](mailto: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 [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@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](mailto:rootd@msn.com).

#### Offering

Would you like to help in counting the offering? 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](mailto: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 will begin using our classrooms for their weekly meeting space. It would be wonderful to be able to provide them with the fellowship of mentors and food. If you have any snack items, or want to sponsor an evening meal on a Wednesday night at 7:00 please email the church at [UPCBloomington@gmail.com](mailto:UPCBloomington@gmail.com). Individual snack items could include: chips, popcorn, cookies, crackers, veggies, pop, water, juice boxes, and candy. Meals could be pizza, sandwiches, soups, burgers.

Let's welcome this group with warm and open arms, in true United Presbyterian fashion.



### Schedule of Involvement

#### Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Sunday school classes are taught during church the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. During the remaining Sundays, children and teens will stay in the Sunday Service. Teachers April 12- Elementary, Aline Hamati and Teens, Linda Coggin. April 19- Elementary, Karen Like and Teens, Michelle Heitink.

#### 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 April 5th.



# Financial Report

We did slightly better than break even in February. We took in a total of \$16,679.93 for the month and our expenses were \$16,601.40, giving us a positive cash flow of \$78.53 for February and 2,473.36 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
FEB.	15,538.25	1,141.68	30.00	16,679.93	16,601.40	78.53
TO DATE	32,366.75	1,141.68	30.00	33,538.43	31,065.07	2,473.36

We had another successful Souper Bowl collection this year. We were able to send a check to Monroe County United Ministries for \$341.68 to help alleviate hunger in our area.

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 2015 is \$29.33 per member.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman



## In Memoriam

### Marian Elizabeth "Beth" Bremer

December 25, 1926 - February 17, 2015

Marian Elizabeth "Beth" Bremer, 88, of Columbus, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Keepsake Village in Columbus.

She was the mother of the Reverend David A. Bremer, honorably retired, former pastor of United Presbyterian Church.

She was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at First Presbyterian Church, 124 W. Broadway in Shelbyville.

Services entrusted to Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Ceremony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville.

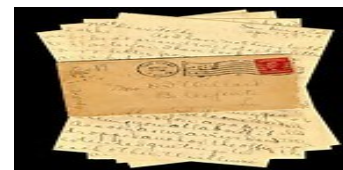
## Letters from the Church

Three of our congregation would love to hear from the folks at UPC. Lou remains hospitalized in Greenwood. Peggy and her sister Joan remain housebound here in Bloomington. A cheery note or card would be greatly appreciated.

Kindred Hospital  
**Mr. Lou Tompkins**, Room 207  
 607 Greenwood Springs Drive  
 Greenwood, IN 46143

**Peggy Watson**  
 2248 E. Cape Cod Drive  
 Bloomington, IN 47401

**Joan Stevens**  
 2248 E. Cape Cod Drive  
 Bloomington, IN 47401



# 2015 United Presbyterian Church Lent Worship Schedule

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015 – 10 a.m.**

Led By Rev. Mitch Coggin; Liturgist Elder Karen Like

Procession of Palms Chancel Choir, UPC Children, Elder Like and Reverend Coggin, The laying of the palms by the children and teens of UPC; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey on piano/organ, Guest Artist Keanu Cover on trumpet



### **Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae Holy Communion Service**

**April 2–7 p.m.** Led by Rev. Coggin; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey organ. Tenebrae is Latin for shadows. Via scripture and music the passion story is recreated. Twelve candles are extinguished until the sanctuary is in darkness. Guest Vocalist William Huyler



**Good Friday, April 3 – Noon** Led By Rev. Coggin; Dr. Moon Stamey, piano/organ; Soloist Marcé Chastain

### **Easter Sunrise Service, April 5, 2015 – 8 a.m.**

Led by Alejandra Haddad, CRE; liturgy in various languages; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey on organ

**Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.** Hosted by the Fellowship & Worship Committees in Fellowship Hall. Guest artists Cean Robins and Jens Jacobson on trumpet and William Huyler vocalist.

### **Easter Morning Worship, April 5, 2015 – 10 a.m.**

Led by Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin; Holy Communion, Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey; Guest Artists Cean Robinson and Jens Jacobson on trumpet

## April Recitals

It is that wonderful time of year when Jacobs School of Music students seek out locations for their end-of-semester recitals and local artists request venues to perform their latest creations at Spring Recitals. UPC always welcomes them with open arms. In April we will be hosting two recitals. This is a great way to support the arts and education while enjoying excellent free music.

**Saturday, April 11** -- Chelsea Carlson will present a harp recital. She's an Associate Instructor of Harp at Jacobs School of Music as well as a student of Susann McDonald and Elzbieta Szmyt. Chelsea has lent her talent on the harp to UPC in the past—most recently for our Fifth Sunday in Lent worship service. She'll perform at 2 p.m. in the UPC Sanctuary. A reception in Fellowship Hall will immediately follow. All are invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

**Monday, April 13** – George McCarter will present a classical guitar recital coffee-house style in UPC's Fellowship Hall. He'll be accompanied by a classical string trio. The performance will be at 8 p.m. and is open to all. Attendees are invited to linger in Fellowship Hall following the recital to meet the performers during an iced tea and finger food reception. There is no charge for admission.



## What's Happening in April?

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7pm UKirk fellowship	2 7pm Maundy Thursday	3 3pm Good Friday Service	4
5 EASTER 8am Sunrise Service 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:20 Choir Practice 10am Easter Service *Easter Egg Hunt Following Service	6	7 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	8 7pm UKirk fellowship	9 Jackson Kaguri, found- er of the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Pro- ject will be visiting UPC	10 11:45am – Men's Lunch	11
12 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	13	14 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	15 7pm UKirk fellowship	16	17 11:45am – Men's Lunch	18
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### Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6pm Overeaters Anonymous	5:15pm Kiwanis (2nd Monday)		7:30 pm UKirk meeting	6pm Self Realization	5:30pm – Women's Beginners	11am Overeaters Anonymous
	<i>13th@8pm McCarter guitar recital</i>		8pm Overeaters Anonymous	8pm Campus Group	7:00pm – Temple Shir Tikvah	<i>11th@2pm Harp Recital</i>

# Bloomington Interfaith Winter Homeless Shelter Season Ends Soon

The doors of the Interfaith Winter Homeless Shelter (open in one of four locations nightly between October 1 and April 31), are soon to close until October 2015. Seven nights a week, the following Bloomington churches open their doors to host those without shelter:

First Christian Church  
First United Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Trinity Episcopal Church

First Christian Church has hosted two nights per week (Thursday and Friday) and it is there that United Presbyterian has regularly served to assist First Christian on one of their two nights—the first Thursday of each month. In addition to UPC's commitment to assist with staffing once a month, some UPC volunteers have worked as often as one shift per week and some of our folks have even volunteered at locations other than at First Christian.

Take a moment to lift up those who have undertaken this task. Personally thank each of those noted below for representing UPC so faithfully in such a meaningful way this winter!

Linda Coggin  
Alejandra Haddad  
Andy Hill  
Lou Malcomb  
Lamis Turk

Mitch Coggin  
Souheil Haddad  
Ed Hitchcock  
Virginia McCarthy

Sami Haddad  
Michelle Heitink  
Bob Lorimer  
Bill Schofield

## Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love,  
love coming down from heaven,  
love blanketing the earth  
in a transforming embrace;  
unique and infinite love,  
giving more than we can imagine  
for us, to cleanse our sin,  
a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,  
the walking, talking Word.  
He is teacher, role model, friend,  
this God in human form,  
dying, then rising from the dead,  
proving all who believe  
will also rise  
to have eternal life, with Him,  
Lord of all.  
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!



*By Joanna Fuchs*