

Reaching UP

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UPC Worship Committee Hosts Honor Our Choir Week



May 24—30 was Honor Our Choir Week. The UPC Worship Committee and Congregation invited the Chancel Choir members—in gratitude for their 2014-2015 Ministry of Music—to be guests of the church at an End of Season Celebration Lunch at HuHot Mongolian Grill in Eastland Plaza. About 30 UPCers and choir members had a wonderful time of fellowship and good food at the unique restaurant and enjoyed a special cake made for the choir. In the photo gallery, we see UPC



Chancel Choir director Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey with Deacon Lou Malcomb and then choir members Noah (left), Alexander and Thomas Like with their mom, UPC Christian Ed Director Karen Like. In the third photo, Billy & Mary Lou Rhoades enjoy the lunch and finally, we see Yasmina Haddad, Lamis Turk and her son Michael Turk celebrating the choir's ministry of music. The week of celebrating ended with a Pizza Party fund raiser for the UPC Music Program. The all-you-can-eat pizza and salad party was at the American Legion Hall on East Third Street.



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UPC CHURCH PICNIC
 Sunday, July 26
 Bryan Park - Woodlawn Shelter
 Church Service - Cookout - Games
 Please Save the Date

Letter from the Pastor

Pastor's Pen

Staying Relevant.



The photograph is of the Choluteca Bridge in Honduras. It was taken right after Hurricane Mitch devastated the Caribbean in 1998. In November of that year, Hurricane Mitch ravaged Honduras, killing 5,600 people. Another 12,300 were injured and 8,600 disappeared. Every bridge in Honduras, 150 of them, were totally destroyed, with the exception of the one shown

here, the Choluteca Bridge which once crossed the Choluteca River. Obviously the bridge no longer crossed the river following the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. What changed? The Hurricane changed the course of the Choluteca River so drastically that the river no longer went under the bridge. Following Hurricane Mitch, the bridge no longer served any useful function, although by sight, it remained a perfectly good bridge!

The bridge had been donated to Honduras by Japan and it was the only bridge that withstood the winds and rains of the Hurricane. Japan even used a picture of the bridge following Hurricane Mitch in advertisements to suggest what fantastic bridges they constructed, even surviving devastating weather.



Still the bridge, while in perfect shape, no longer served any worthwhile purpose since the river had changed course. The metaphor is a powerful one for us in the Presbyterian Church. The river (society) has moved and unless we are careful, we too will become obsolete in meeting the changing flow of our communities. While the bridge remains strong, it no longer touches the river in the way it once did. In what way(s) do we continue to touch our community? How do we need to change in order to meet the changing needs of our community? What programs no longer have any useful function? What ministries need to be added in order to reach a community that no longer comes to us automatically when they move into town?

This continues to be an important focus in these months prior to the calling of a new permanent pastor. Soon our Pastor Nominating Committee will begin their work. Guided by their commitment and our prayers—their search will in part continue shaping the future of the United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington. How will we remain relevant? How will we attract new families? One thing is clear and certain. Just as the past 182 years of our history have occurred through God's design, so will the years to come be equally as dependent upon God's plan. The Choluteca Bridge serves as an excellent reminder that we can not—we MUST not—sit idle waiting for Bloomington and IU to come to us. We must devise new ministries and programs that will put us out there—reaching and talking to people, inviting persons to our Bible Studies, Book Groups and our Food Fairs. We must tell our neighbors about this great church that we cannot keep to ourselves.

The future belongs to God but it is exciting to see how God will use UPC in the weeks—months—and years to come. Will you be praying about these things? Will you be active and involved in the life of UPC in significant ways? Will you help shape UPC to continue to be a relevant voice of hope and love for years to come?

With Thankful Blessings To You,
Pastor Mitch
Bloomington, June 2015

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Youth in Action

Hunger Games Update

We did it! United Presbyterian Church was the first Monroe County United Ministries Hunger Games Champions. The effort was spearheaded by the elementary Sunday School class by making posters, building “Foodville” out of the donations, collecting box tops as well as needed food and hygiene items, monetary donations, and a few members purchased MCUM t-shirts. They also invited Katie Broadfoot, a MCUM rep, to come speak to our group and Pastor Mitch posted a video on his Facebook page. Each of these efforts earned points to become the grand champions. Great job everyone. Thank you for supporting the UPC Youth but most of all the clients of MCUM! As a reward we will be having a tour of MCUM & pizza June 2, at 4pm. If you would like to participate sign up in the Narthex or let Karen know

Buckhorn

The Buckhorn mission trip is fast approaching. The Teen youth group will again be organizing a work trip to Buckhorn June 14-18. Efforts will be focused around landscaping around the church, building a handicap ramp at the center, and maintenance repairs at individual homes. We could really use some knowledgeable people to guide the youth with these tasks.

We will also be collecting items for the mission store. Some much needed items are: linens, towels, blankets, small kitchen appliances, sets of dishes, modern simple clothing, and interactive toys, games, and sports equipment. Depending on the amount donated we may need someone to even make a trip to help us deliver items for the store if you would like to make a quick visit to Buckhorn!

Don't worry, we won't work you too hard. Because of the humidity we tend to work in the morning and evening taking the afternoons off for fun. If you are interested in joining us please talk to or email Karen (klike@earthlink.net) or Melanie for more details.

This trip is funded by the flower sale. Thank you to all that bought flowers!

Campout

Do you like camping or want to try? Talk to Karen if you would be interested in attending a church campout this summer for a night or two out at Paynetown on Lake Monroe.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Julie Hammel	6 Charles and Gladys Bartholomew Anniversary	22 Robert and Julie Hammel Anniversary	If you would like to make additions to the birthday and anniversary calendar please email: upcbloomington@gmail.com .
4 Souheil & Alejandra Haddad Anniversary	7 Aida Haddad	23 Sami Haddad	
4 David Bremer & Brenda Wood Anniversary	9 Ed & Delores Toby	23 Dania Parker	
5 Fadi and Aline Haddad Anniversary	12 Rachel Bauer	27 Thomas Tadao Like	
6 Ed Hitchcock	12 Allen Pease	27 Andy Hill	
6 Jane Hammel	18 Eliza Fobes	29 Raja Hannia	
	21 Bill and Stephanie Worden Anniversary		



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 7 immediately after the morning worship service. The meeting is the next step in filling UPC pulpit. It will be less than ten minutes in length and all are invited to attend.

Please Save the Date



Carissa at the grand piano in Recital Hall for her Senior recital. She was marvelous and several people from UPC were there to support her on her special night.

Letters to the Church

Ladies of UPC:

I would like to invite all the ladies at UPC to lunch at Sweet Grass on Friday June 12 about 11:30a.m. Since the men lunch every Friday, perhaps an occasional "ladies" lunch would be fun. Also in reviewing materials in the UPC Library I became interested in the Mary Phillips Ladies Missionary Society and thought it would be fun to meet and talk about it. Please RSVP to Lou at malcomb@indiana.edu or call 812-320-7620 or just tell me at church on Sunday.

Lou Malcomb

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you so much for all of your help and assistance during Mom's passing. She loved UPC and all of the wonderful members and the love she felt within the church family.

With warmest thanks, grateful hearts and deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness. The flowers were beautiful. The food and refreshments were wonderful. Everyone was so helpful and supportive.

Much appreciated,
Jill Trinkle and the family of Phyllis Trinkle Burkhart

Dear Pastor Mitch and UPC Family,

I just wanted to write to you all and sincerely thank you for the graduation recognition ceremony at church this past Sunday and the lovely gifts given by all of you.

I feel so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

I thank God for all of you every day!

With love,
Dina Hanania

Financial Report

The finances were much more favorable in April. We took in a total of \$14,855.16 for the month and our expenses were \$13,213.86, giving us a positive cash flow of \$1,641.30 for April and a positive cash flow of \$1,814.27 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
APRIL	12,297.13	1,661.17	896.86	14,855.16	13,213.86	1,641.30
TO DATE	51,812.94	3,092.85	1,051.52	55,957.31	54,143.04	1,814.27

Our current financial position is right about where it should be for this time of year. We are slightly ahead of where we were last year at this time. The summer months tend to be a slow time due to vacations. Please try to keep your pledges up to date if you plan to be away.

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.

In Memoriam

Phyllis Trinkle Burkhart

February 15, 1934 – May 7, 2015

Phyllis Trinkle Burkhart, 81, a member of United Presbyterian Church, passed away Thursday, May 7 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. Phyllis was born in Algiers, Indiana; she was the daughter of Charles and Iola (Burns) Merry.

Phyllis was a graduate of Washington High School and attended Indiana University. She was an Army wife. In 1971, Phyllis began working for Vista Volunteers and retired after 27 years of service as Executive Director of South Central Community Action Program. Phyllis also served on the Board of Public Safety and was the recipient of the 1991 Woman of The Year Award for her accomplishments and contributions to the community.



Phyllis is survived by her loving children, three daughters Jill Trinkle, Gina Riggen and Tia Deckard (Eric); two sons Richard Trinkle (Connie) and Charles Trinkle (Nanette) all of Bloomington; eight grandchildren Stephanie Barnhill, Tabatha Trinkle, Johnny Lee Hettle Jr., Colin Deckard, Seth, Rebekah, Eli and Caleb Trinkle; two sisters Betty Cosby (Gene) and Patsy Swartzantruber (Dennis); two step children Jim Burkhart and Richard Burkhart; and six step grandchildren Amy, Stephanie, Tom, Aaron, Rachel and Abby. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Gene Trinkle, second husband Richard Burkhart (a member of United Presbyterian Church) and granddaughter Sarah Trinkle.

A Celebration of Life was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37 in Bloomington. Rev. Mitchell Coggin and Rev. Sarah Cochran officiated. The family received friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The United Presbyterian Deacons provided refreshments. Many floral arrangements were displayed along with photographs and documents illustrating the distinguished history of Phyllis. Memorial contributions may be given to South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) or the United Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

What's Happening in June?

~ June 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 11:45am – Men's Lunch	6
7 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Congregational Meeting 11:15am Fellowship	8	9 6pm Book Study	10	11	12 11:45am – Men's Lunch	13
14 10am Worship w/Rev. Cochran 11am Fellowship	15	16 6pm Book Study	17	18	19 11:45am – Men's Lunch	20
21 10am Father's Day, worship w/Bob Hammel 11am Fellowship	22	23 6pm Book Study	24	25	26 11:45am – Men's Lunch	27
28 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	29	30 6pm Book Study 7pm Session				

Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6pm Overeaters Anonymous	5:15pm Kiwanis (2nd Monday)		8pm Overeaters Anonymous	6pm Self Realization	5:30pm – Women's Beginners	11am Overeaters Anonymous
				8pm Campus Group	7:00pm – Temple Shir Tikvah	