

Reaching UP

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Social Media at UPC

The earliest church communicated through the written word which was the medium and the media of the time. Social media is a place for individuals to share ideas, observe real time changes, engage in joyous moments, stay connected and reflect.

Social Media at UPC is a way to build up our community as well as the community around us. To keep individuals informed of who and what we stand for. A way to be a witness to others. It is also a way to connect for our own personal growth.

UPC has a website, a Facebook page, and a YouTube channel to keep our communication lines open. In 2012, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) launched its first smart phone application—for daily prayer..

Daily Prayer PC(USA) provides brief services for daily prayer based on the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*, including psalms for the day, readings from the daily lectionary, and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

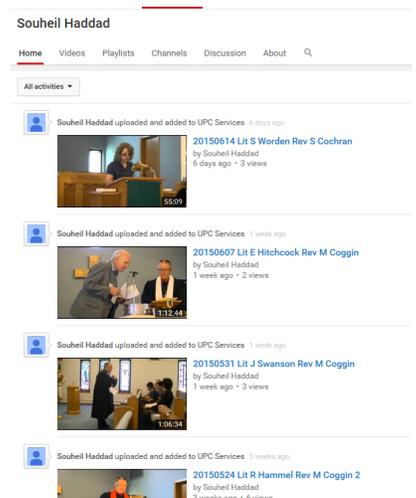
Features include

- 1) a calendar tool, allowing you to find psalms, readings, and prayers for other dates;
- 2) the clock icon, which enables you to select morning or evening prayer, overriding the current time of day;
- 3) an “advanced features” menu that lets you toggle on/off various options and select between two versions of the Lord’s Prayer; and
- 4) a brief tutorial, providing information about the practice of daily prayer and instruction on using the app.

In the app store search Daily Prayer PC (USA)



In YouTube search Souheil Haddad for a full listing of videos



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Dear friends,

Starting college in the Fall of 1974 wasn't just about furthering my education. It was equally about meeting the right person, settling down and finding that *helpmate* that I had always read about in the Bible. I decided to make a list of the qualities that would define this *helpmate*. The list included:

- ✓ A person who could be a pastor's wife. (Not one who could necessarily play the piano but one who would usually welcome sitting in the 2nd pew every Sunday where all pastor's wives sat.)
- ✓ She needed to be a person who wasn't over 5' 4" so that she would not tower over me in heels.
- ✓ Obviously my "wife to be" needed to be in agreement with living in Alabama, serving a moderately sized church and having no more than 2.5 children.

Imagine my surprise when the woman I fell in love with was not from Alabama and had never considered being a pastor's wife in a moderately sized church in the south, but was instead from Indiana with her own career as a dietitian. Thank God that God didn't fulfill the narrow list of my own making when it came to finding a match for my life.

These are days in which United Presbyterian is soon to enter the search process as you seek to find the right match for your next pastor. It has been over two decades since you undertook such a process so it is important that we remind ourselves of some of the most critical components of such a search.

Every day pray for the search process and for the Pastor Nominating Committee. You have selected a group of outstanding people who love the Lord and who love this church! Over the next several months they will undertake a long and difficult task. There will be moments of panic and frustration as well as exhilarating moments as their search leads them to the pastor that God is selecting for this church. Pray for them every day. Pray that God will guide and strengthen them. Pray that the process will be smooth and guided in each step by the Spirit of God.

Remember that there is much the Pastor Nominating Committee will be able to disclose about their search and there is much they will not be able to talk about. Their search is sensitive and much of it confidential. It is that way because it involves conversations and deliberations with candidates who may not have disclosed to their own churches that they are in a search process. In this the age of the internet, social media and the always active *grapevine*, it is important that most of the connections made by the Pastor Nominating Committee remain confidential until they are in the final stages and ready to announce the person they will present to the church as a candidate for the next pastor. Please understand and respect the sensitive position they are in. Please don't allow *curiosity* to cause us to put undue pressure on the PNC. Every day pray for each of them and for the process.

Every day please pray for the Coggins as well. At the same time UPC is looking for a pastor, the Coggins will be looking for where God is leading us next. Linda has completed her PhD in Education and desires to teach at a four year college (She is ineligible to teach at IU as the university doesn't hire their own students as professors). Her search, begun over a year ago, will continue. I'm not a candidate for the permanent pastor position at UPC. Linda and I love this church and everyone here. You are a fantastic family of faith but the role of a Transitional Pastor, in order to work most effectively, cannot be a role that turns into becoming a candidate for the permanent position. The Interim must be free to lead a church in a transitional situation, and not position him/herself as a candidate for the pastor position. For this reason, all Transitional Pastors sign a contract in the beginning, which says that we will not be a candidate for the permanent position. This is as it should be. So the Coggins search will take us to a place where Linda and I both will be able to use our gifts in teaching and ministry. Please pray that God's timing be perfect (as it always is), for UPC as well as for us.

Incidentally as the Interim Pastor, I will not be involved or knowledgeable about the PNC work or process. In the same way their work must remain confidential from the general membership of the church, those same rules apply to me. This is to keep me from being caught in the middle between you as the congregation and the work and confidentiality of the PNC. So when you ask me how the PNC process is progressing and I remark that I have no idea, this is because I truly "will have no idea."

In the days and months to come, please pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee:

Alejandra Haddad, Gerrit Heitink, Michelle Heitink, Andy Hill, Virginia McCarthy, John Swanson, Stephanie Worden and Ed Hitchcock, Alternate. Please pray for the Coggins and please pray for United Presbyterian Church. We are God's church and we belong to God. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,
Pastor Mitch

Youth in Action

Hunger Games Award

The Like and Worden families visited the Monroe County United Ministries on June 2 for pizza for winning the Hunger Games. While we were there we toured the facility and played a packing game learning what 2 people would get in their 4-day meal package.

Buckhorn Revisited

A total of nine people trekked to Buckhorn, KY, to provide some maintenance manpower around the church. We arrived just in time to hear a visiting youth choir from South Carolina. Monday morning it was time to get started on the 'honey-do' list Gayle had sent us. The boys spent 10 hours pulling rocks out of the creek and building a 25' cobblestone path around a garden for Gayle. Oh did I mention this wasn't on the list but they got to play in the creek. We moved some tables into storage, organized the storage room, and a few other odds-n-ends. Day two we started clearing the weeds out of another garden, staining the library shelves, organizing the mission store storage room, and loading a pick-up with things to be hauled away. We spent the afternoon renting a pontoon and swimming at Buckhorn Lake. Melanie and Darian jumped in as soon as they arrived with drywall, electrical, and wood repairs. Day three was filled with moving pews around rearranging the sanctuary, dry sealing the basement, and finishing pulling weeds and spreading mulch around the garden. Darian and Alexander spent the day at someone's house working on replacing outside doors, painting, minor repairs and weather sealing windows. Buckhorn provided a pitch-in dinner and a game of family feud before we left. The Like family and friends headed home Thursday stopping for a few hours of rock climbing. Darian and Melanie stayed another day to work at another house and finish a few more repairs at the church.

The boys did a great job taking turns cooking and providing a message to start the day. A couple nights we had fun playing Pictionary. Boys will be boys so they provided their own entertainment hiding a blow-up snake around the manse for Tom and Gayle to find and finding things in the creek and using them for 'decorations' around the church grounds. All in all our church should be proud of the group that represented them to the people of Buckhorn.

Father's Day Gift

The Sunday school classes worked as a team creating the bookmarks that were passed out for Father's Day. The younger four youth colored the bookmarks. The older and younger kids worked together with the ribbons and charms.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Bob Craig
2	Lucinda Wyman
3	Benjamin Heitink
3	Carter and Collin Notebaert
4	Robert Pate

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

18	Delores Toby
25	Melanie Mathis
27	Hye-Ryoung Kwon



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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash flow was slightly negative in May. We took in a total of \$13,614.50 for the month and our expenses were \$14,113.68, giving us a negative cash flow of \$499.18 for May and a positive cash flow of \$1,315.09 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
MAY	9,684.54	1,273.00	2,656.96	13,614.50	14,113.68	-499.18
TO DATE	61,497.48	4,365.85	3,708.48	69,571.81	68,256.72	1,315.09

Although we were negative for May, we are still positive for the year, so far. That's good, but we're into the vacation season, so please try to keep your pledges up to date if you plan to be away.

The pizza party at the American Legion was very successful, in spite of the fact that it was graduation day for the local high schools. The food was excellent, as was the fellowship. 37 people attended and many people who were unable to attend bought tickets anyway or made separate donations. The Legion also made a generous donation. All in all, we netted \$1,280.50, which will be used to enhance our worship services with special music.

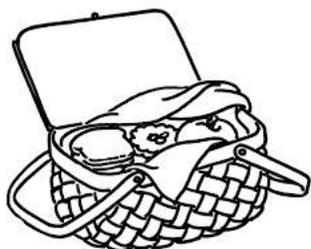
Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

UPC Upcoming Events

UPC Ladies Group Plans to Meet Again – Five UPC ladies enjoyed a nice lunch at Sweet Grass on June 12 and reminisced about the Mary B. Phillips Missionary Society and other things. Mary Eloise Sipes, who now lives in Indianapolis, had telephoned Lou and provided some background facts about the society. We decided that we might enjoy making some Chrismons for the Christmas tree this year. Sue Lorimar has patterns which she will bring to our next lunch. Let Lou or Sue or Mary Lou know if you plan to come: July 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Red Lobster. Hopefully the little group will grow! We want all the ladies of UPC to join us.



A Fond Farewell — Lamis and Nabil Turk are returning to Egypt on July 7. Their son Michael will remain in Bloomington to complete his Senior Year at IU. The Session has announced a **Farewell Pitch-In of Love Lunch** on Sunday, July 5 in place of Fellowship Hour. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign-up to bring either an appetizer, salad, entrée or a side dish. UPC will provide beverages and a special cake.



United Presbyterian CHURCH PICNIC

Get it on your calendar now! 10 a.m., Sunday, July 26!
 Sunday morning worship service! Prayer! Music!
 Bryan Park - Woodlawn Shelter
 Church Service followed by
 Cookout - Picnic - Games - Fellowship
 Please Save the Date

What's Happening in July?

~ July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	1 6:30pm Pastoral Nominating Committee	2	3 11:45am – Men's Lunch	4 h jjjj
5 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Pitch-In of Love for Lamis & Nabil Turk	6	7 6pm Book Study	8 6:30pm Pastoral Nominating Committee	9	10 11:45am – Men's Lunch	11
12 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	13	14 6pm Book Study	15 6:30pm Pastoral Nominating Committee	16	17 11:45am – Men's Lunch	18
19 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	20	21 6pm Book Study	22 6:30pm Pastoral Nominating Committee	23	24 11:45am – Men's Lunch	25
26 9am Adult Study 10am Worship @ Bryan Park 11am Fellowship	27	28 6pm Book Study	29 6:30pm Pastoral Nominating Committee	30	31 11:45am – Men's Lunch	

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				8pm Campus Group		