

August 2015 Reaching U.P.

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Worship in the Park, Photo Journal



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Spending a week on the top guest floor, directly across from a long pier adorning the Pacific Ocean in Oceanside, California, has been a cultural baptism of sorts. From well before dawn to well after dusk, hundreds of persons line the pier to fish, to watch, to wait, to jog, or to just experience life in all its forms. Streams of persons communicating in Spanish, English, Japanese, Chinese, Italian and a host of other languages adds to the rich heritage of persons congregating on the pier from all over the world. From the pier they watch the world-class female surfers in town for the surfing competition this weekend, the joggers on the pathway below, the swimmers in the water and the sun-gazers mapping out their spots for sun-bathing, cooking, making sand creations, and tossing Frisbees to others in their group. Lining the sidewalks leading to the pier are street performers, belting out their tunes, hawkers of time-share condos handing out trinkets to those they can convince to stop and listen, skateboarders and bicyclists as well as panhandlers.

Then there was “Joe.” His name isn’t really Joe. That’s just how we came to refer to him. Every time we saw the 60ish looking, weathered individual, he was dressed in his distinctive camo T shirt and shorts, white socks and shiny new tennis shoes at least 3 sizes too large for his diminutive frame. “Joe” carried 3 backpacks and walked nervously, pacing the sidewalks, looking into the trashcans to examine what treasures might be found there. Passing him on the street, at eye level, “Joe” would rush past or turn to face a nearby wall – too shy or embarrassed or frightened to speak to a stranger. Watching him from our 6th floor balcony, we wondered about his background. Was he mentally ill? An alcoholic? A casualty of war with no family, home, job or caregiver and only the streets to carve out his life. How long has Joe paced these sidewalks and how does he fare when the November winds stir up the waves and diminish the tourist trade?

Despite the beauty of waking up in such close proximity to the breathtaking beauty and sound of the Pacific Ocean, I miss my home, my church family and daily routine. Back home is where I find encouragement and familiarity. Still I know that I will wonder and worry about “Joe” when I am safely home. To be honest, there are a multitude of “Joes,” not only in California but in Bloomington, Indiana as well. His story and theirs is similar and his life and theirs is filled with day-to-day struggles to find warmth, nourishment and any sense of comfort that can be eeked out of a lonely city street. Could I have done more for “Joe” in the five days that I watched him from my balcony? Certainly, but isn’t a more basic question whether I can do more for the host of “Joe’s” who live less than two miles from my own comfortable mattress and food source? I hope I lie awake knowing the answer to that question and I hope I cannot be satisfied with another morsel of food before I do everything in my power to reach out and positively influence the lives of “Joe’s” from all over. Will you join me?

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Mitch

- 4 Mary Lou Rhoades
- 6 Bob & Betty Craig
Anniversary
- 7 Lou Malcomb
- 8 Darian McBride
- 9 Elaine & Jeremiah
Hubbard Anniversary
- 12 Emma Leonard
- 12 Bob Lorimer

- 16 Vera Heitink
- 19 Joe & Renee
Stubenrauch
Anniversary
- 19 Rachael Worden
- 20 Souheil Haddad
- 20 Nichole Heitink
- 27 Bill & Mary Lou
Rhoades
Anniversary

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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We are looking forward with excitement and anticipation for another year ministering to students at Indiana University. Wednesday night gatherings will begin Wednesday, September 2nd at United Presbyterian Church. Student lunches will begin on Sunday, September 6th at First Presbyterian Church. Please be in prayer:

- :: For new students and their families
- :: For returning students continuing in their studies
- :: For our UKIRK partners: Karen Hahn, Gary Crow, Jill and Luke Shimek

Look for our table on Sunday, August 23rd at the Faith Fest and Wednesday, September 2nd for the IU Community Involvement Fair both in Dunn Meadow.

If you would like to support this ministry through providing a Sunday lunch or snacks on Wednesday night, or as a Hoosier Host Family please contact Mihee Kim-Kort at miheekk@gmail.com

More information at www.iukirk.com, www.twitter.com/iukirk, www.facebook.com/ukirk_indiana



Yummy Spaghetti Dinner!

Get this on your calendar now—Thursday, August 27 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! The Worship Committee invites all to the Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit UPC's music program. The old-fashioned dinner includes Fazoli's delicious spaghetti with meat sauce, Fettuccini Alfredo, tossed salad, bread sticks and all the fixings for pasta and salad you could imagine. Then there's 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. If you or your business or the company you work for would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction let Allen Pease know as soon as possible. He can be reached in the church office at 812-332-1850 or email the church at upcbloomington@gmail.com. The auction items will be put on display accompanied by bid sheets in Fellowship Hall later in August. Final bidding and awarding of the items will be at the Spaghetti Dinner.

We had so much fun last year that you'll want to be sure to make plans for this great evening now so that your calendar is clear to attend. The Worship Committee—Alejandra Haddad, Souheil Haddad, Sarah Moon Stamey, Allen Pease and Stephanie Worden—encourages everyone to join the fun as well as to invite friends, relatives, co-workers, teachers, neighbors and classmates!

Letters to the Church



Dear UPC Congregation,

The Monroe County Civic Theater's 26th Annual Shakespeare in the Park was one of the most successful ever. The generous support of the UPC congregation and the volunteering of Allen Pease and Stephanie Worden helped make that possible. The June 11-14 production of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, produced and directed by Phillip Addison, drew a large audience to the stage at Waldron, Hill & Buskirk Park (formerly Third Street Park).

In addition, MCCT Board Member Addison's production received excellent critical reviews from the Herald-Times and WFIU Radio.

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2015 Shakespeare in the Park program book. You'll find that it acknowledges UPC's civic engagement. Your generosity was also noted in the publicity that was released regarding 2015 Shakespeare in the Park as well as on the MCCT website. As a small token of our appreciation, we placed an ad for UPC in the program book at no charge and have enclosed a donation check of \$25 for the church.

UPC is appreciated.

Best regards,

Yolanda Valdivia, President

Monroe County Civic Theatre Board of Directors

Phillip Addison, Vice President

MCCT Board; Producer & Director of *Cymbeline* for 2015 MCCT Shakespeare in the Park

Dear UPC,

Thank you for participating in the MCUM Hunger Games and for letting me speak to your congregation. All of us at MCUM appreciate our partnership with UPC and we are excited to see what the future holds!

Thanks,

Katie Broadfoot

Monroe County United Ministries



To all of UPC,

Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for your gift card for my graduation. Furthermore, thank you all for your unconditional love and support. You have blessed me with a beautiful community to call home, and I am forever grateful to all of you. God bless you all.

Yours,

Bill Huyler

Indiana University Class of 2015



Dear UPC Members,

Thank you so much for my graduation gift. I really appreciate it. This church has been like my second family. I will miss having a strong faith community like UPC next year. You all have helped me grow, and for that I am forever grateful. Also, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers!

Love,

Stephanie Haddad

Dear UPC,

It was so kind of our church to take the choir to Hu Hot. I had not been there but I loved it. Thanks for your at of kindness.

In Christian Love,

Nancy Truelove

In Memoriam

Mary Eloise Sipes

August 2, 1926 – July 26, 2015

Mary Eloise Sipes, 88, passed away on July 26, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Until 2013, when she moved to Indianapolis to be closer to family, Eloise was a life-long resident of Bloomington, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Hilbert Graydon Cox and Cecile Buchanan Cox Hall, and her brother and sister-in-law, George and Donna Cox. Eloise will be lovingly remembered by her four children and their spouses, Teri and Wayne Smith of Colorado Springs, CO., Jen and Bill McDonald, Val and Rick Mitchell, and Sam and Dina Sipes, all of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three nieces and a nephew, and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.



Eloise retired from Indiana University after 38 years of service as a Secretary. In her early career, she typed the first application ever submitted to the FCC by the IU Radio and Television department. She later served in various offices within the School of Education, earning the respect and recognition of faculty and co-workers as well as building many friendships that extended into her retirement years. She is a proud member of the United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington and traces her heritage in the church back to her great grandmother, Mary Eliza (Molly) Buchanan, who moved the family to Bloomington in 1916 from Palestine and Duncanville, IL, and was instrumental in founding the Women's Missionary ministry at the church. Mary Eloise became a member of UPC at the age of ten in March of 1937 making her the longest term member with 78 years at the time of her death. In September of 2008, on the 175th anniversary of the founding of United Presbyterian Church, Mary Eloise was paid tribute during an Honoring the Faithful Ceremony for her 70 plus years of serving the church and recognized for being one of the three remaining UPC members who worshipped in the downtown church and the current church. The program included presentation of small crosses, symbolic of the 1952 transition of UPC from more than 80 years downtown at 9th and College to the present 2nd and Eastside location. The downtown church burned, forcing the move. The wood for the small crosses came from pews salvaged from the fire, preserved over the years by the late Robert D. Watt. His wife, Phyllis, donated the wood for the crosses. Mary Eloise was the last of that small group of faithful. The greatest legacy she leaves to her family is her faith in God, and we celebrate with her as she continues her life in His Presence.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 at Day and Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, 4150 East Third St, Bloomington and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31 at United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. 2nd Street, Bloomington. The funeral service will follow the Friday visitation at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary of United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Robert Lorimer officiating. Interment will follow immediately at Devotion Garden of Valhalla Memory Gardens, 1710 w. 8th St. in Bloomington. Directly after the interment, the family is providing a catered meal and asks that all mourners share this meal and fellowship with them in memory of their mother at Fellowship Hall of United Presbyterian Church.

In Lieu of flowers, at the family's request, donations may be made in the name of Mary Eloise Sipes to United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. Second Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

Trip to Shawnee

On Thursday, July 23 a group of 15 UPC friends and members travelled to Shawnee Summer Theater to attend the 57-year-old summer stock's annual, hilarious melodrama. This year's romp was titled *Tomato Wars!* with Nate Curlott and Dana Anderson in the lead roles. In the 19th Century, theater troupes toured the U.S. performing incredibly melodramatic sob stories. Audiences, caught up in the melodrama, often pelted the villain with rotten tomatoes and eggs throughout the show and, sometimes, the entire cast if the attendees didn't like the performances!



In the 21st Century cooler heads prevail. Audiences purchase hand-sewn, plush tomatoes, available pre-show, as a fund raiser for Shawnee. This all leads to one of the most chaotic and funny performances one could ever witness. Over the past six or seven years, the annual Shawnee Melodrama, newly written each year, has become more and more popular. Wonderfully, it attracts audiences which are an even mix of children, teens, adults and Seniors. This melodrama outing was the fourth for UPC. Thanks to Lance Like, Esquire and Souheil Haddad, M.D., tomatoes were hurled throughout the entire performance. Everyone from UPC pitched in (pardon the pun) with relish. Stars Curlott and Anderson bore the onslaught well while, with exceptional wit, turning in truly funny performances. The entire cast are as good sports as they are good actors. Kara DeWall, Matt Huston, Tab Burton, Travis Holt and Miki Byrne gave performances of great comic nuance and Brittany Coriaci was hysterical as George Lucas.

An excellent time was had by all as evidenced in the photo taken in the theater's lobby, and we're looking forward to 2016's Shawnee Melodrama.

Financial Report

June was a very lean month, financially. We took in a total of \$7,167.33 for the month and our expenses were \$15,015.65, giving us a negative cash flow of \$7,848.32 for June and a negative cash flow of \$5,633.23 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
JUNE	7,130.00	0.00	37.33	7,167.33	15,015.65	-7,848.32
TO DATE	68,627.48	4,365.85	3,745.81	76,739.14	82,372.37	-5,633.23

I'm sure that vacations were a factor in the low intake in June. If you have been away, please bring your pledges up to date. It is not abnormal to be in negative territory at this time of the year, but we are more negative now than in June of recent years.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

What's Happening in August?

~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	3	4 6pm Book Study	5	6	7 11:45am – Men's Lunch	8
9 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	10	11 6pm Book Study	12	13	14 11:45am – Men's Lunch	15
16 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	17	18 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	19	20	21 11:45am – Men's Lunch	22
23 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	24	25 6pm Book Study	26	27 6pm Spaghetti Dinner	28 11:45am – Men's Lunch	29
30	31					

Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

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