

Reaching UP

United Presbyterian Church

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UPC and MCUM Working Together



Each year at this time, MCUM holds a food drive to replenish their pantry, which tends to thin out during the summer months. Teams of volunteers hand out fliers and collect food donations at area grocery stores over the weekend. As of this writing, they had tallied 13,400 lbs. of food donated, with more to count. My 3 hour shift at Lucky's Market on Saturday was an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I got to interact with many nice people, including the 2 IU coeds that I was privileged to work with. This is a great way to extend our ongoing support of MCUM and help out needy people in Monroe County. Next year, let's see if we can get a few more UP members to sign up to help. There are never enough volunteers. – Don Root

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The Students are Back!!!



UPC has committed to supporting the UKirk students through their stomachs and a space to fellowship on Wednesday nights. In preparation for their return. Let's fill the snack food bins for UKirk! They need individually wrapped cookies, chips, granola bars, soda, water, and hard candy! Please bring all donations to the church office!

We are looking forward with excitement and anticipation for another year ministering to students at Indiana University. Wednesday night gatherings will begin Wednesday, September 9th at United Presbyterian Church. Student lunches will begin on Sunday, September 6th at First Presbyterian Church.

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

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- 1) Individually wrapped cookies
- 2) Individually wrapped chips
- 3) Individually wrapped granola bars
- 4) Individually wrapped hard candy
- 5) Cans of Pop
- 6) Bottles of Water

Pastor's Pen



I recently sat in a circle with 9 adults. All were over 40 and roughly half surpassed the 70 age range. Compare that to another group in which I recently participated. That group of 5 included a majority that were under 50. Both were church groups (different congregations) with churches that boast of more than 175 years in each of their histories. Both groups of adults, in vastly different communities, are in a pastoral search. In fact, off the top of my head, I can think of 17 Presbyterian congregations within 90 miles of here that are currently in the pastoral search process. That represents at least a third of the congregations within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley! That isn't to imply that turnover is the norm in most of those congregations. Several of those churches, prior to their current search, can boast of long-tenured pastorates of greater than 10 years each. The law of averages finally created turnover within a Presbytery within a short period of time.

In addition to a pastoral search, most of our congregations share additional similarities. Most are looking seriously at budget shortfalls, declining membership and whether their future will allow many of those congregations to continue with a full-time pastoral arrangement. Fortunately that isn't the case with United Presbyterian. While indeed, our membership has waned over the last several years, like most congregations, we still enjoy a relatively healthy financial standing and the Pastor Nominating Committee is conducting their search for full-time leadership. That does not mean that we can be frivolous with our resources, but it does mean that we have been and are blessed by God to live/work/worship within a growing, thriving, community that is always changing. That presents us with several challenges for mission and ministry within our neighborhood.

- 1) We must continue to provide music, Bible studies, and worship that lifts God in praise. There can be no substitute for putting God first in all that we do/say and/or sing.
- 2) We must continue to reach out in care and concern for those who come and for those who cannot. This means that we care for new persons as unique individuals and provide hospitality and welcome for all.
- 3) We must continue to use our building as a resource for a community that offers programs, support groups and meetings that benefit a critical mass (some we will never meet or see personally but who are impacted by the environment we can provide).
- 4) We must continue to stretch ourselves to grow and to be challenged to offer ministry in fresh, new ways that attract new people, welcome back people who have drifted away and provide spiritual nourishment to all.

All the above are within our grasp. These ideas encourage us to continue to do well the things that we do well (music, worship, hospitality and care of one another) and strive more diligently to welcome others who come. Reach out to neighbors and persons we may not have previously considered inviting to church. UPC is in a good place and each of you are vital to the future of this church.

How will you support us as we move into a bright and exciting future?

Love and Blessings,
Mitch
September 2015

Monthly Newsletter of United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. Second Street—Bloomington, IN 47401. Editors: Membership Committee: Lou Malcomb, Jeremiah and Elaine Hubbard. Andy Hill is Webmaster. Submissions are accepted.

Recognizing Bob Hammel

UPC has been the proud home of Bob Hammel for many reasons unrelated to IU and sports. But, let's take a moment and share in the amazing honor that was granted to him a little earlier this year. Bob Hammel was inducted into the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame. The brief bio given was full of amazing triumphs.

"In newspaper profession (1954) 50 years, 30 at Herald-Times Bloomington; covered IU's NCAA championships, 8 IU bowl games, including 1968 Rose Bowl; 23 NCAA Final Fours, 5 Olympic Games, 8 World Series, 10 Indianapolis 500s, 29 Ind. high school basketball championship games and one heavyweight championship fight, Muhammad Ali vs. Michael Spinks (1978)... Member of U.S. Basketball Writers Assoc. Hall of Fame, Ind. Basketball Hall of Fame, Ind. Journalism Hall of Fame, Indiana Athletics Hall of Fame, Indiana Sportswriter and Sportscasters Hall of Fame; Sagamore of Wabash Award; Curt Gowdy Award (International Basketball Hall of Fame); Ind. Basketball Hall of Fame Silver Medalist; Bert McGrane Award for lifetime contributions to Football Writers Assoc of America; Fred Russell Award for lifetime contributions to All-American Football Foundation; National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Assoc. Sportswriter of the Year (17 times); Ind. Sportswriters and Sportscasters Assoc. Writer of the Year (4 times)."



To learn more about this honor and Bob Hammel please visit <http://www.mcshof.com/index.php>. I also suggest you do your own google image search to find amazing photographs like the one pictured. It is from the website hoopshall.com

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.

VBS—Save the Date

Please mark October 11, 2015 on your calendar for VBS at the Mathis farm. Adults are invited to participate as leaders. If you are interested please email the church at UPCBloomington@gmail.com

1 Angie & Andy Notebaert Anniversary
3 Don Root
7 Judie Iverson
11 Erin Bremer Johnson
11 Logan Notebaert
15 Betty Chipman
15 Alexander Like

17 Yasmina Haddad
20 Bud and Lucinda Wyman Anniversary
21 Fadi Haddad
27 Billy Rhoades
29 Vera and Gerrit Heitink Anniversary

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



Ethnic Food Fair Announcement

Ethnic Food Fair Postponed!

Quotes from a past article by Pastor Mitch...

Your work and dedication to the 2014 **Ethnic Food Fair** was amazing!

The real treat was seeing over 180 friends, family and neighbors fill our parking lot with satisfied smiles. You should be proud UPC!

But, the challenges of repeating our successful Food Fair 2015 will have to wait!

The Session has heard the challenges ...

Fewer people to prepare – “We are tired. We thought 2014 was to be our LAST Ethnic Food Fair. Why are you making us do this again?”

Scheduling Issues – The best dates in Bloomington for Fall, 2015 (when there were no home IU Football game, no other Fall conflicts) turned out to have other conflicts (such as Fall Break)

Still we believe Bloomington and the Eastside community needs UPC to provide SOMETHING (other than Sunday worship) that is capable of reaching 180+ people!
Ethnic Food Fair was the best venue for UPC to meet that need.

So...

Ethnic Food Fair for 2015 has been postponed until 2016

But, it is important to begin to plan for 2016.

What could we offer that would bring people to our parking lot and building?

What 2016 date might we claim to begin planning now for the 2016 Event.

The Best News...It doesn't have to look like, sound like, or even taste like Ethnic Food Fairs of the past.

If you are tired, don't have enough people to do what you've always done, then...

Don't do what you've always done.

Plan a different kind of event.

Use food from various Ethnic and International Vendors from Bloomington

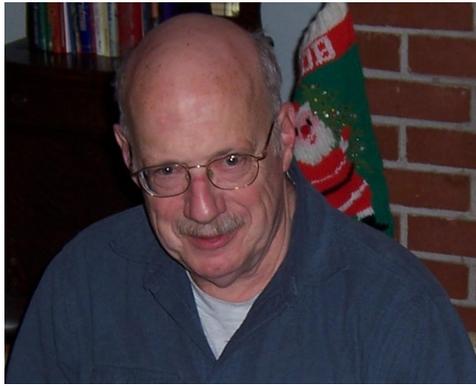
Host a Band or Orchestra performance in the Parking Lot, or...

The sky is the limit in terms of your ability to plan and create.

The bottom line is that the Eastside community needs UPC and UPC needs the Eastside community.

How will we respond? What ideas do YOU have?

Pastor Mitch and Session of United Presbyterian Church
August 21, 2015



In Memoriam

Edward Hearne Hitchcock

June 5, 1941 – July 31, 2015

Edward “Ned” Hearne Hitchcock passed away after a brief illness in Bloomington, Indiana less than a month after his 74th birthday. He is survived by his sons, Edward Cady Hitchcock, (married to Kimberly, grandchildren Lila and Edward) and John Harrison Hitchcock (married to Christine, grandchildren Zachary and Abigail), and brother, Nicholas Fithian Hitchcock.

Edward was married to Frances Cady Hitchcock in Swarthmore, PA in 1966. Frances passed away in New York in 1998. He was born in Philadelphia on June 5, 1941 to Edward Dickey Hitchcock and Florence Hearne Hitchcock. He spent most of his youth living near Philadelphia. Edward graduated from Swarthmore College in 1964 and received his Master’s in Social Work from Bryn Mawr College in 1968.

Edward was a social worker in New York for 30 years. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America with Troop 240 in Riverdale, NY. He moved to Knoxville, TN in 1999 and continued to work as a social worker until his retirement. He spent a few years living in Athens, OH and then moved to Bloomington.

Known to his many friends in Bloomington as Ed, he was active in his church and, at the time of his death, was a Bloomington United Presbyterian Church Deacon, an alternate to the Pastor Nominating Committee, a participant in both the Tuesday Midday Bible Study and Tuesday Evening Book Study, regular attendee at the Sunday Morning Pastor’s Class and was a member of the annual UPC Ethnic Food Fair Committee. He was also active with the Bloomington Interfaith Winter Homeless Shelter, Alcoholics Anonymous. He simply loved helping others. He was an avid reader and also enjoyed woodcarving, gardening and volunteering.

More than 70 mourners gathered as The Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin, United Presbyterian Church Interim Pastor, officiated at the Saturday, August 8 memorial service in the church’s sanctuary. Immediately following the service, the United Presbyterian Deacons and other UPC members prepared and hosted a Fellowship Lunch. The Hitchcock family asked that everyone share this meal and time of fellowship with them in memory of their father. More than 50 people joined the family in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church to share in the meal, give condolences and remembrances directly to family members and view the display of Hitchcock family photos and memorabilia.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. 2nd Street, Bloomington, IN 47401. Edward’s ashes will be interred at a later date.

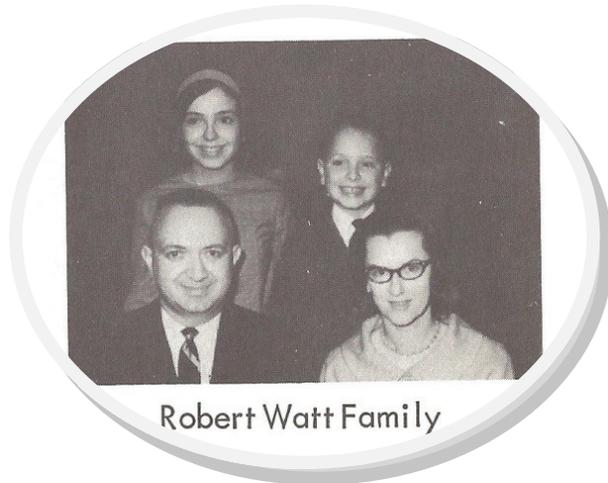
UPC Scrip Program Needs You

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 percentage to the church. It’s that easy! For more information please email upcbloomington@gmail.com**

Remembering the Watt Family



It doesn't seem possible that it's been a year since we said a final goodbye to our friend Phyllis Watt. Longtime members will remember, not only Phyllis, but other members of the three generations of the Watt family who lived in Bloomington and generously gave of their time and talents to serve their church, their community, and their country. The first generation was Bob Watt's parents, Robert Earl Watt and Gladys Asdell Watt, who joined the church in 1923. Robert Earle Watt was a trustee and church treasurer, as well as chair of the building committee responsible for overseeing the building of our present church in 1952. The large wooden cross on the stair landing was donated in his memory. Gladys was a Deacon in the 1970's. She passed away in 1993.

Their son Robert (Bob) Dale Watt joined the church in 1939. He followed in his father's footsteps, taking over as chair of the building committee to oversee construction of the church addition in the 1960's. After the untimely passing of his first wife, he married Phyllis in 1965. Bob served several terms as an Elder and was our Clerk of Session from 1999 until his passing in 2006. He also had a strong interest in music, singing in our choir, and was a member of the IU Alumni Band.

Phyllis was an accomplished artist. One of her paintings can be seen in our church parlor and others grace the walls of some of our members' homes. In later years Phyllis served as a Deacon until her health would no longer allow it. Their son Carl served his country as a marine officer, serving numerous tours of duty in Iraq. The pictures above are from a church pictorial directory from around 1968. The children shown with Bob and Phyllis are their son Carl and Bob's daughter Judy from his first marriage.

UPC Ladies Group

The UPC Ladies Group needs to meet to discuss work on the Chrismons if they are to be ready for the Hanging of the Greens..

- Septembers meeting will be on Friday the 11th at 11:30 They will be meeting at O 'Charlies for lunch and conversation.
- October 9th the group will be meeting at Chapman's ... for lunch and conversation giving reports on the Chrismons.

*Please let Sue or Lou know if you need a ride!

Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas Trees in Churches and Christians homes.

Financial Report

Financially, July was somewhat typical of summer months. We took in a total of \$11,763.80 for the month and our expenses were \$13,173.11, giving us a negative cash flow of \$1,409.31 for July and a negative cash flow of \$7,042.54 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		S
JULY	10,598.80	1,145.00	20.00	11,763.80	13,173.11	-1,409.31
TO DATE	79,226.28	5,510.85	3,765.81	88,502.94	95,545.48	-7,042.54

Although we are in negative territory for the year to date, we are slightly better off than last year at this time. I am confident that we will be able to recover by the year's end.

It was inspiring to see the tremendous response to our drive for school supplies. One of the boxes was full and overflowing and the other was about 2/3 full. When I delivered them, the people doing the sorting were very pleased. Once again, some needy children will have a better start for the school year, thanks to the generosity of UPC members.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

Letters to the Church

United Presbyterian Church Family,

We would like to offer this donation with our deepest sympathies in honor of Mr. Hitchcock, father of Ed Hitchcock.

With warm regards,
RIC Tech Center

Janet, Anna, Arnie, Debbie & Teresa C.

Friends & Members of United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and for all the hospitality you showed us. Dad's memorial service was beautiful and the lunch was wonderful. We could not have asked for more kindness in this difficult time.

The Hitchcock Family
John, Chris, Zack & Abby
Ed, Kim, Lila & Eddie

Dear UPC,

We deeply appreciate the space at your church. Thank you.

Saturday Morning Overeaters Anonymous members

[Note: A donation to UPC was included with the letter]

United Presbyterian Church,

Eloise was a dear friend and showed all of us how to trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, no matter what we were going through.

She and her smile will be missed.

Darlene Pratt

To our friends at UPC:

Melanie and I would like to express our deepest thanks to everyone for the sympathy cards, and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers over the passing of Melanie's brother, Michael. It is so encouraging to have such a caring and supportive church family to lift us up when we experience something so unexpected in our lives. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of you.

Love in Christ,

Darian and Melanie Mathis-McBride

With Thanksgiving

I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in the spaghetti dinner. Of course it was wonderful to fellowship, but it was also wonderful to gain more funds for our music program.

Thank you,

Anonymous Attender

What's Happening in September?

~ September 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Lunch Fellowship	7	8 6pm Book Study	9 UKirk—UPC Host Pizza Party	10	11 11:30am— Ladies Lunch at O'Charley's 11:45am – Men's Lunch	12
13 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	14	15 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	16	17	18 11:45am – Men's Lunch	19
20 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	21	22 6pm Book Study	23	24	25 11:45am – Men's Lunch	26
27 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	28	29 6pm Book Study	30			

September Sunday School Teaching Schedule

	Pre-K -- 6	Teen
Sept 13	Aline Hamati	Linda Coggin
Sept 20	Leina Joseph	Michelle Heitink

Communion Servers

Left	Right
Karen Like	Bob Hammel
John Swanson	Judie Iverson

Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

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