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Yummy Spaghetti Dinner a Yummy Success!

On Thursday, August 27, the UPC Worship Committee hosted the Second Annual Yummy Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to benefit the UPC Music Program. The attendees included 66 adults and teens plus four children.



Peggy & Andrea of Fazoli's

and the gang serving from Fazoli's worked hard with a smile!

Again the event was a success, not only financially, but also a success in food, fun and fellowship. The food was excellent with many commenting on the great taste of the Fettuccini Alfredo and the tossed salad



Miss Black & Gold had fun.

Two special guests came to show their support of UPC's music program. The 2015 Miss IU Black & Gold Justus Coleman, a sophomore at IU, attended with one of her sorority sisters. Justus got into the swing by being very active with our silent auction.

She visited with many as she enjoyed her spaghetti dinner. Also showing her support was 2015 Miss IU Lauren Mnayarji, a senior, who attended with her sister Elana, an IU freshman. She also visited with many as she enjoyed the dinner.



Michael Su explains his violin piece to an appreciative audience.

Our own Chancel Choir member Michael Su graced us with a violin performance which was very well received. It fit the evening perfectly and was an excellent illustration of UPC's music program.

The Worship Committee reports that a total of 76 tickets were sold and 70 people actually attended according to ticket takers Allen Pease and Souheil Haddad. Of the 70 attendees, 16 were IU students including three who attend UPC regularly, five from Circle K at IU and three from IU Army ROTC. Of the 50 remaining, it's interesting to note that five were from Kiwanis Club of Bloomington, six from the Eastside Neighborhood Association and four had read about it in the Herald-Times. Of course, the rest were UPC members and regular attendees and their guests.

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Pastor's Pen



“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Chances are that you are familiar with that directive. There is another that is even more specific. It reads: *“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”* (Leviticus 19:33-34). We are seeing a multitude of opportunities to practice this command in our own neighborhoods. Leviticus directs, *“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.”* (vv. 9-10). Scripture makes it clear that God’s desire for us is to provide welcome to those who are homeless, just as our own people were once without a home/country.

Since 2011, more than 200,000 Syrians have died in civil war in that country. Close to 12 million — one-half of the Syrian population of 23 million — have been forced from their homes. More than four million have fled. What began as an act of civil protest has continued to expand to civil war, genocide, and mass exodus. It began as protest in response to the arrest and torture of teenagers who wrote revolutionary slogans on a school wall. Globally, one in every 122 humans is now either a refugee, internally displaced, or seeking asylum. Across the world, there are an estimated 60 million people displaced from their homes because of war and persecution — the highest displacement on record.

The reception extended to Syrian and other refugees has been varied. Years of violence in Iraq and Syria have “stretched the capacities of neighboring countries to accommodate the displaced” according to the *New York Times*. Hungary in particular has been slow to allow Syrian migrants to pass through, as the nation is in the process of erecting a 110-mile long wall along its Serbian border to keep migrants out at a cost of \$35 million. Perhaps itself having learned a great deal about the long-term consequences of civil war, persecution, and genocide from World War II, Germany has extended the greatest welcome so far. As a result, by the end of this year, an estimated 800,000 refugees will likely request asylum in Germany.

What a sacred moment this offers our own nation. What will we do? Because of the extreme anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim sentiment so pervasive in today’s media, we must think not only about a governmental immigration policy; we must also think about, and pray for, a spiritual principle of welcome. Welcome is about receiving others with gladness and delight. In order to do so, we must recognize the face of God in all people. Ultimately, this path also leads to peace.

Compassion must be expressed in concrete ways that show support for the suffering of others. Such support should come from all religious communities and from all their members, who should undertake some significant, even if small, expression of support, as a show of common human solidarity and care for others. Hospitality to the stranger is a Biblical virtue that God requires of all. It is a common and universal value. Extending hospitality can be carried out in various ways. As a way of maintaining an open heart towards those who are suffering and not allowing various practical considerations from obstructing the flow of compassion and ensuing action, we must all pray for those in distress. Through our prayers for the refugees, the migrants and those in need, we keep them close to heart and allow ourselves to open up to the inspiration of how we might best serve them and help alleviate their suffering.

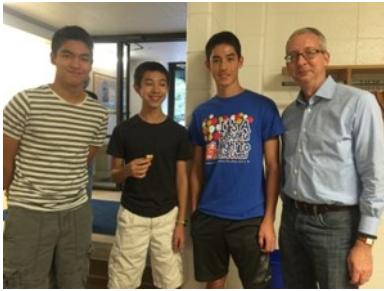
Praying for you and all.
Love and Blessings
Pastor Mitch

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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.

The exciting news is that, after expenses, a total of \$858 was raised for the UPC Music Program. This included funds from ticket sales, donations and the Silent Auction. This is certainly something for which we can thank God!

The Worship Committee sends a special thanks to everyone who bought tickets and made donations which helped make this such a success as well as to Fazoli's for giving UPC such a great price on the spaghetti dinners. The Committee also thanks those who made the Silent Auction a success. Donating the great auction items were: Academic Scholarly Books, BIRA, Bloomington Bagel Company, Cardinal Stage Company, Fazoli's, IU Auditorium, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Pizza X, Rush Hour Station, Smile Promotions, Yogi's Grill & Bar and book authors Bob Lorimer and Bob Hammel.



The men of the Like family were there in full force.



Michael Turk enjoyed spaghetti with his friend Andy El Kassab.



Yvonne, Lissette Spir and Lissette's mom, visiting from Colombia enjoyed the event.

Community Access

Rooms M/N were vacated when the Temple Shir Tikvah dissolved. The session decided to furnish the room to make it available for Community Access. Many of the outside organizations that were using the Parlor for meetings will be moved to the new room. One side of the room has been furnished with a long conference table and chairs. The other end has a small comfortable seating area with a piano. This will refocus the Parlor back to its original use as a quiet place to meditate or more formal church related meetings.

The session would like to thank locally owned businesses iConsign, Long's Landing, and Distinctive Home Furnishings for their customer service and working with us to purchase items within our budget and that would meet our needs.

Youth Activities

Sunday school has started back up the second and third Sunday of each month. The elementary class will review some basic elementary Bible verses. The Teen class will read and discuss Bible stories and relate them to their own lives or current situations.

October 11, we will be heading out to the Mathis Farm in Brown County after church for A Day in the Country. We will go fishing in the pond, climb the wall in the barn, role down the hill, and Darian & Melanie have a few adventurous games planned. Even if it is to just sit and enjoy the fall colors, bring your lawn chair and join us!

Youth Group

Starting in October, monthly activities for our youth in middle and high school will be scheduled. Such events will include: movies, trap shooting, go carting, hiking, and educational discussions. If interested in helping with this age group please contact upcbloomington@gmail.com

Monthly Prayer Group

Believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord from our area are meeting monthly for prayer for our city and county to develop a sense of unity in our Christian faith. The desire is that God may become more relevant in our lives and living, and that spiritual things will become as important as physical things.

The next meeting for prayer will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the Smithville Christian Church. The church is located at the crossroads of Fairfax Road and Smithville Road.

Meetings are always on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations change each month to foster the unity desired. The November meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 3rd at the United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E. Second Street.

Believers in Jesus from all churches are invited to attend. Usually no other activity is planned except to gather to pray.

Thanks- Bob Lorimer

Ladies Lunch Group

The October lunch was planned for October 9th because that is part of fall break. So all the ladies that would normally be busy with school might get a chance to attend. It will be around 11:30 a.m. at Chapman's on the far east side 46 and 446 intersection. We are still working on the Chrismons and will discuss this further at the lunch.

Thanks,
Lou Malcomb

Interfaith Shelter

The 2015-2016 Shelter Season will kick off on Sunday November 1st. The Interfaith Winter Shelter Board is pleased to inform you that Bloomington's Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter has just started our second crowd-funding campaign on Indie Go-go. We are excited for you to watch the new video. It shares the successes of last year and our goals for the coming season. Please view the video and the campaign at this link: <http://igg.me/at/wintershelter2015-16>

Here are some quick points about the campaign:

- Only Credit/debit cards may be used online. However the shelter can still accept cash and check donations (Please send checks to: Interfaith Winter Shelter Campaign c/o Mary McClellan—First Presbyterian Church 221 E 6th St. Bloomington, IN 47401)
- The campaign is live for 45 days, starting Tuesday Sept 14, 2015, For additional information, talk to Mitch, Lou, or one of the other IEWS volunteers from last year.

⇒ Will UPC provide volunteers on all 1st Thursdays of the month as we did last year?

* Please talk with Pastor Mitch if interested

FINANCIAL REPORT

August was a much better month for us, financially. We took in a total of \$13,293.50 for the month and our expenses were \$10,836.73, giving us a positive cash flow of \$2,456.77 for August and a negative cash flow of \$4,585.77 for the year to date.

INCOME					EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS
	OFFERING	MISSION	FUND R.	TOTAL		
AUG.	11,886.50	500.00	907.00	13,293.50	10,836.73	2,456.77
TO DATE	91,112.78	6,010.85	4,672.81	101,796.44	106,382.21	-4,585.77

Although we are still 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 and at least break even by the year's end.

Once again, the spaghetti dinner in September was a rousing success. A special vote of thanks to Allen Pease and Sarah Moon Stamey for all your work to make it happen.

Don Root, Stewardship Chairman

What's Happening in October?

~ October 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 World Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	5	6 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	7 6:30 pm PNC	8	9 11:45am – Men's Lunch Teen Youth Group Activity	10
11 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship VBS after Fellowship	12	13 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	14 6:30 pm PNC	15	16 11:45am – Men's Lunch	17
18 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	19	20 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	21 6:30 pm PNC	22	23 11:45am – Men's Lunch	24
25 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	26	27 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	28 6:30 pm PNC	29	30 11:45am – Men's Lunch	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				8pm Campus Group		



- 1 KyungAe Lim
- 3 Angie Notebaert
- 5 Evelyn Foster
- 6 Bob Hammel
- 14 Peggy Watson
- 17 Gerrit Jan Heitink
- 25 Pilsoo Kang

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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