

Reaching UP

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Dear UPC friends,

Every day, individuals across Monroe County are grateful that you support them during trying time. Your generous contribution of \$300, received on December 1, 2015, makes MCUM's work possible. Our records indicate that you have given \$1,091.68 as of 12/01/15.

In addition to helping individuals meet their needs by helping MCUM distribute food, and cleaning and hygiene products, your gift also helps to correct long-term problems in the community by supporting family's journeys to self-sufficiency. Tomorrow, when MCUM opens its doors to provide licensed and accredited childcare to more than 80 vulnerable children and basic needs assistance to families struggling through a financial crisis, they will have you to thank for allowing us to continue to serve them and others in need.

Your meaningful investment into the health and security of your neighbors deserves MCUM's deepest gratitude—and is vital to the success of our childcare and emergency services programs.

MCUM's vision is a community free of poverty and injustice. Thank you for supporting MCUM's work toward this vision—what a difference your gift makes!

Sincerely, Erin Predmore, Executive Director, Monroe County United Ministries

Pastor's Pen



What is next? This is a common question asked by most organizations at one time or another. This has become an oft asked question around UPC as it relates to the pastor search process, timeline and final steps within that process. Many are beginning to ask, “What are the final steps in the pastor search and call process? Your questions are reasonable but let me offer several guidelines as we move into the coming weeks.

First it should be repeated, “the Pastor Nominating Committee has done a stellar job and they should be thanked loudly and frequently.” They have met practically every week since last summer. They have read multiple PIF’s (a ministers Personal Information Form.) They have read and listened to more sermons from more candidates than most of us will listen to in 5 years. They have faithfully reported the nature of their work whenever possible. And now they are nearing the end of their search, which often means that the church grows increasingly excited, nervous and curious as the days pass.

First let me remind you how the process of finding and calling a pastor in the Presbyterian Church will progress over these last few weeks. There is a lot that the PNC cannot tell us about their work. As we have known all along, their work has been and must remain confidential. This is to protect the candidates they have examined over these many months. We live in an internet age in which this person knows a person who has connections in that city at that church. Before you know it, information is shared that should not be shared. In other words, for the PNC process to work, candidates must remain anonymous in order to protect them and their current churches.

As our PNC names the ONE candidate that they feel should be presented to UPC as a viable choice for the next pastor, the PNC will schedule a weekend in which the candidate will be invited to come and meet the congregation. A gathering will be planned in which the candidate and his/her family can get to know the congregation. The candidate will preach and lead worship that Sunday. Following worship, a congregational meeting will be conducted in which a congregational vote to accept the PNC recommendation that the candidate become the next pastor is conducted. The vote will happen via a written ballot. Then the candidate and congregation will make a final decision.

You also need to know that the call of a pastor (in the Presbyterian tradition) is a 3 way call between the candidate, the church and the Presbytery. Therefore the Presbytery, via the Committee on Ministry will also vote to affirm the decision of the candidate and congregation before the call is officially approved. This process is designed to protect the congregation, the client and the Presbytery. It may seem laborious and cumbersome, but in reality, it solves many potential issues that later could turn into substantial problems if a client is in reality not a good fit for that particular church or Presbytery.

The bulk of your questions have focused upon whether the congregation will vote on the candidate and whether the congregation will vote on more than one candidate. Both these questions have been answered. I would ask one thing. Please, if you have questions, ask Andy Hill, Chair of the PNC. Please do not ask me or Allen or a family member of a PNC person because none of those people really know what is happening or the timeline. When you ask the right question of the wrong person, you tend to get information that is inaccurate, incorrect and unhelpful. I will say to you what I have said throughout this process. The best thing we can do for the PNC is to pray for them, especially now in as their search nears the critical last steps. Much love and affection.

Pastor Mitch

New Committee/Team Structure - WE NEED YOU!!!!

Committees at UPC are being revised from being Elder/Session directed to a Team approach. Consider joining one of the following teams:

PROPOSED TEAM/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Please talk with Pastor Mitch about your interest in one of the above. Commitment to teams will be for duration of 1 year with evaluation after 6 months duration.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

*PRIMARY DUTIES: Planning and preparation of all components of the worship services

CHRISTIAN ED, COLLEGE, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

*PRIMARY DUTIES: - Teaching plans for members and attenders of the church of all ages

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PROPERTY

*PRIMARY DUTIES: Care & maintenance of the church including (building/facilities/ contents/property)

COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

* PRIMARY DUTIES: Input and output of communication for the church and the community - Reaching UP, Facebook, Website, Signage

STEWARDSHIP, MISSIONS – PC(USA), MCUM, NYAKA, ETC.

*PRIMARY DUTIES: Fundraising, Allocation of Mission dollars, PC (USA) Offerings, etc.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/GIFTS & ENDOWMENT/ PERSONNEL

*PRIMARY DUTIES: – Handling (assembly & distribution) of money outside of general offering • Financial & business duties

(Committees Under Deacon Guidance)

FELLOWSHIP AND NURTURE (Food, Fellowship, Funeral Dinners)

*PRIMARY DUTIES: Duties related to food and Sunday fellowship,

CARE & CONCERNS of CHURCH FAMILIES and MEMBERSHIP

*PRIMARY DUTIES: Duties related to delivery of flowers following Sunday worship, assisting the pastor with homebound communion, visitation when hospitalized

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL TO SERVE

Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

Fun

Thank you to Elaine and Jeremiah for taking the teens out for pizza and a movie Feb 12.

14 youth and guests enjoyed ice skating Feb 21 at Frank Southern followed by more pizza.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! The UPC Youth Group will be having a rummage sale at the church May 7 along with the annual flower sale. Money will be used for some of these fun events as well as helping the kids going to Pyoca and the mission trip to KY. Please bring donations and leave them in the teen room. No clothing. You can also place flower orders starting in mid-April for pick-up on May 7 as well as purchase them at the event. Leftover items will be taken to Buckhorn.

Service

The UPC Youth will start off the MCUM Hunger Games March 1. We got a jump start with the \$334.30 raised through the Souper Bowl collection. They will continue to collection donations of BoxTops, loose change, canned goods, hygiene products and cleaning items. The campaign runs through April 30.

It will be weather dependent but the youth may be out in April or May spring cleaning the church grounds. Look for an announcement!

The Buckhorn mission trip is scheduled for June 26-July 2. If participants would like to stay for worship service or Fourth of July Celebration there is a possibility to extend the stay. Melanie is working on making this a joint trip the Brown Country Presbyterian Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In January, our income exceeded expenses by \$8,061.61. We took in \$19,561.50 and our expenses were \$11,499.89. While this is a great start to the new year, it is not necessarily indicative of how our finances will be in the coming months. Some of our members make a one- time annual donation in January, making it an unusually good month. Given the shortfall we experienced in 2015, we still have work to do to replace the members we have lost in recent months.

So far, we have taken in \$344.30 in the Souper Bowl collection. This money will go to Monroe County United Ministries to provide food for some needy families in Monroe County.

Don Root
Stewardship chair

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Letters to the Church

Dear Pastor Mitch and UPC members,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent us for mom's memorial. Mom loved going to UPC on Sundays like we all do. We can't find enough words to show our gratitude and appreciation to all of you for all the prayers, cards, and words of support and compassion you offered us. You are truly a second family to us and we feel very blessed to be part of UPC just like Mom always did. God bless you all!

The Hanania Family
Raja, Rula, Dina and Tareq

Dear Friends and Family of UPC,

Thanks to everyone for all the concern, cards, prayers, visits and blessings everyone has been to me in my time of illness. It appears I still have a ways to go, so keep up the prayers. It means so much to be loved like all of you have demonstrated to me. Thanks to Dr. Fadi Haddad for his great surgical wisdom, and to all the other medical personnel who took care of me.

Blessings to all,
Sue Lorimer

π Day at UPC!

What is Pi Day? The number π is a mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and is approximately equal to 3.14159. It's been represented by the Greek letter " π " since the mid-18th century, though it is also spelled out as "pi" (/paɪ/).

In the 21st Century, many celebrate pi as Pi Day on March 14th. Since that's not a Sunday this year, UPC will celebrate on Sunday, March 13th at Fellowship Hour with a . . .

Grand pie buffet!



New this year!

Guess the cost of pie making ingredients and win a pie!
Lou has created a basket of pie ingredients...
the person that guesses the cost closest will win their very own pie!
The basket of ingredients will be donated to MCUM!

Join the fun!

Celebrate *Pi* with *Pie*!
Fellowship Hour Sunday, March 13!

Please sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite pie to share. If you're not a pie maker, but would like to see

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 7 | Leina Joseph |
| 8 | Michelle Heitink |
| 9 | Bud Wyman |
| 10 | Bob & Sue Lorimer Anniversary |

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| 10 | Juliana Spir |
| 23 | Rachel & Joe Loop Anniversary |
| 30 | Travis Bauer |

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| If you would like to make additions to the birthday and anniversary calendar please email: upcbloomington@gmail.com . |
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2016 United Presbyterian Church Lent Worship Schedule

The Seven Deadly Sins

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2016 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin; Chancel Choir; Dr. Stamey, piano/organ; Guest Artist Michael Su, violin
Wednesday, March 9 – 7 p.m. Rev. Sarah Cochran; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey on organ and piano

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2016 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin; Chancel Choir; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey on piano/organ
Wednesday, March 16 – 7 p.m. Led by Rev. Mitchell J. Coggin; Carissa Tucker, piano

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 – 10 a.m.

Led By Rev. Mitch Coggin

Procession of Palms led by Chancel Choir with UPC Children and Reverend Coggin, The laying of the palms by the children; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey on piano/organ, Guest Artist Cean Robinson, trumpet

Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae Holy Communion Service

March 24–7 p.m. Led by Rev. Coggin; Dr. Stamey, organ; Guest Artist Kylee O'Donnell, flute. Tenebrae is Latin for shadows. Via scripture and music the passion is recreated. Candles are extinguished until darkness.



Good Friday, March 25 – Noon Led By Rev. Coggin; Dr. Moon Stamey, piano/organ

Easter Sunrise Service, March 27, 2016 – 8 a.m.

Led by Alejandra Haddad; liturgy various languages; Dr. Stamey, organ; Guest Artist Cean Robinson, trumpet

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. Hosted by the Fellowship & Worship Committees in Fellowship Hall

Easter Morning Worship, March 27, 2016 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend Mitchell J. Coggin; Holy Communion; Chancel Choir; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Guest Artist Cean Robinson, trumpet

Fellowship Hour & Easter Egg Hunt – Following Easter Worship Service

Renowned Choir Coming to Bloomington

Priscilla Weaver Gabriel, Organist & Choir Director at Bloomington's Faith Lutheran Church, invites the entire UPC congregation to attend a free choral concert in March. The Grove City College Touring Choir, under the direction of Professor of Music, Dr. Katherine Mueller, is a select group of forty-five singers. The choir consists of students from a variety of academic majors and tours annually during the Spring semester throughout the United States. The GCC Touring Choir members desire to make beautiful music using the gifts and talents given them by God. Past honors include performing for the Music Educators' National Conference Eastern Division Conventions, the American Choral Directors Association, with the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, the Erie Symphony Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, with which the choir will be singing again the first week of April.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this free evening of choral music featuring works by Fauré, Bernstein, Debussy, Poulenc, Hogan, Clausen, and more! 2016 marks the Grove City College Choir's 57th Annual Tour. The concert is on Sunday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Faith Lutheran Church, 2200 S. High Street.

What's Happening in March?

| ~ March 2016 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 12:30 Bible Study | 2 6pm Book Study 7pm Service | 3 | 4 11:45am – Men's Lunch | 5 |
| 6 Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship | 7 | 8 12:30 Bible Study | 9 6pm Book Study 7pm Service | 10 | 11 11:45am – Men's Lunch | 12 |
| 13 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship | 14 | 15 12:30 Bible Study 7pm Session | 16 6pm Book Study 7pm Service | 17 | 18 11:45am – Men's Lunch | 19 |
| 20 PALM SUNDAY 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship | 21 | 22 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study | 23 | 24 7pm Maundy Thursday Ser- vice | 25 Good Friday 11:45am – Men's Lunch | 26 |
| 27 EASTER 8am Sunrise Service 8:30am Easter Breakfast 10am Easter Worship 11am Fellowship and Easter Egg Hunt | 28 | 29 12:30 Bible Study 6pm Book Study | 30 | 31 | | |

Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 | | |