

Reaching UP

United Presbyterian Church

1701 E. Second Street
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Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

Fun

Time for Spring cleaning! 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 VBS, Pyoca and the mission trip to Ky. Please bring donations and leave them in the teen room. No clothing. Leftover items will be taken to Buckhorn. If you need help getting donations to the church talk to Karen.



Melanie is now taking flower orders. If you have your old standbys that you like we can have them set aside now for delivery May 7-8. We will also have a small selection of popular annuals at the rummage sale for immediate sale.

With a date and time to be determined, the youth will be taking a trip for some paint-balling fun this month with Elaine and Jeremiah Hubbard.

Service

The UPC Youth are once again participating in the MCUM Hunger Games to defend our championship title from last year. Place your food donations in the red wagon or on the desk in the hallway of the lower level. They will continue to collect donations of BoxTops, loose change, canned goods, hygiene products and cleaning items until April 27.

The Buckhorn mission trip is scheduled for June 26-July 2. Melanie is working on making this a joint trip with the Brown Country Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in helping with honey-do jobs around the church, working on preparing items for the store, or easy maintenance at member's homes, please talk to Karen, Melanie or Darian for more information.

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As Christians celebrated Holy Week, the world remains racked with violence, fear and terror. Bombings in Brussels, Yemen and Iraq reminded us that Holy Week has little meaning to those intent on spreading war. America Catholic cleric Cardinal Timothy Dolan said, "This is part of an orchestrated fanaticism, an ideology that sees Christianity, Judaism and religion of peace as the enemy. They threaten civilization, everything that is decent and noble about humanity.

Jaime Clark-Soles Associate Professor of New Testament and Distinguished Teaching Professor at SMU Perkins School of Theology writes, "Monday night, I went to a healing service at church for a member of my Sunday school class who is battling cancer again/still. In our most difficult times, our own words may fail us. So, we join together, hold hands, lay hands on one another, and rely on ritual and tradition to get us through. We read aloud our Scriptures that have sustained others who lived before us and have sustained us in earlier times in our own lives as individuals or members of a particular community. When I heard the news of the Brussels bombing, the words of Romans 12:15 came to mind: "*Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*" I opened Scripture to read the rest of the passage, including this:

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

And following the devastating news on Tuesday came this prayer from leaders within the Presbyterian Church (USA).

God of grace and peace, we pray for the city of Brussels and the people of Belgium. Help and heal the wounded, receive the dying into your embrace, and comfort those who mourn. Strengthen rescue and relief workers who protect and provide for others in the midst of crisis and chaos. Give leaders the wisdom and determination to understand the causes of hatred and prevent it from gaining force. Put an end to all violence and war, and restrain the impulse to use injustice to seek justice. Continue to pour out your mercy upon the victims of violence in Bangladesh; Istanbul, Turkey; Peshawar, Pakistan; and all the places we forget or ignore. Surround us all with your grace and bring peace to our weary world. This we pray in Jesus' name.

Gradye Parsons Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Heath Rada Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014)

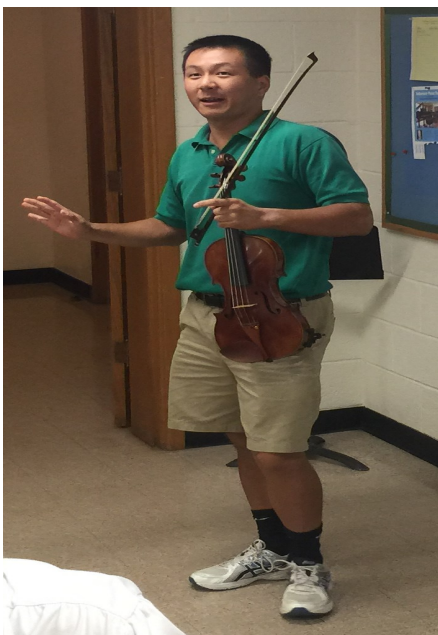
Tony De La Rosa Interim Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Finally Christian pastor from New York, Christopher Hopper reminds us, "We must practice in the house of God what we need to export to the nations. We must get love for enemies right in the house first if we are ever to be expected to have traction in lands and cultures that are foreign to us. We must aggressively fight to dismiss the distractions of the enemy that would seek to get us wrapped up and engaged in superficial debate, and instead, plunge ahead into the depths of God which require us to be loving toward those who need it most: our enemies. Amen Chris.

Love, Peace and Blessings

Pastor Mitch

Michael Su Senior Recital



Put this on your calendar now! Our own Michael Su's Senior Recital is Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m. It will be held at the IU Jacobs School of Music Recital Hall which is located inside Merrill Hall on East 3rd St. We will soon be losing Michael as he graduates from IU in May. This will be your last opportunity to hear Michael creating his violin magic in Bloomington. However, we're sure to be able to hear him soon at Carnegie Hall or on Broadway or PBS-TV or with the London Symphony Orchestra!

You won't want to miss this recital. The afternoon's program will include Michael playing J.S. Bach's Adagio and Fugue from Solo Sonata No. 1 in G minor as well as Debussy's Violin Sonata in G minor, Concerto for Violin by Barber and Sarasate's Carmen Concert Fantasy. Admission to the recital is free and Michael warmly invites all of UPC's friends and members to attend.

This photo was taken when Michael explaining the violin piece he's just played in Fellowship Hall last August for UPC's 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to benefit the Chancel Choir.

Financial Report

In February, our expenses exceeded income by \$6,992.88. We took in \$5,830.80 and our expenses were \$12,823.68. This shortfall in February almost wipes out the surplus we had in January due to several sizeable annual contributions. We now have a surplus of \$1,068.73 for the year to date. This is somewhat lower than where we were at this time last year.

Don Root
Stewardship chair

- 3 Stephanie Worden
- 5 Tareq Hanania
- 6 Jan Berend Heitink
- 7 Colleen Swanson
- 11 Rudy Kaster
- 12 Bill Worden
- 13 Mitch Coggin

- 14 Lissette Spir
- 15 Noah Like
- 17 Jesse McBride
- 20 Rachel Loop
- 25 Lance & Karen Like Anniversary
- 27 Linda Coggin

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



Turning 13

February 28 marked the 13th birthday for Doyeun Park. To help celebrate, a group of the family's UPC friends brought a cake to church that Sunday for her to share during Fellowship Hour. It wasn't just any old cake; it was Doyeun's favorite—cheesecake! Shown cutting the cake are Doyeun and her mom Sookyung Kim.



Letters to the Church

My dear friends in Christ,

It is with great sadness that I leave you after all these years, but the time has come for me to move closer to my family.

I am living in a senior retirement community ten minutes from my daughter Gayle. I see my grandchildren and great grandchild and that gives me great joy. Jackson loves to come and visit me at my "hotel." My son Wayne is in Phoenix and now I am closer to him.

My new address is:

Evelyn Foster

1550 East River Road, Apt. 305

Tucson, AZ 85718

My cell is [812-327-8560](tel:812-327-8560) and my email is foster@indiana.edu

I pray that the new minister will bring United Presbyterian to a vibrant church again. I thank Mitch for all his leadership and may the Lord be with Linda and Mitch on their new adventure.

Evelyn

Dear UPC Friends,

On behalf of the Bloomington chapter of the Self-Realization Fellowship, it is my pleasure to present you with this contribution to thank you for allowing us to convene there four our weekly meditation and prayer sessions on Thursday evenings. We particularly like the new room; it is peaceful and quiet, and very comfortable. We are all exceedingly grateful for your generosity and your welcome.

In appreciation and divine friendship,

Robin Roy Gress, secretary

Self-Realization Fellowship

[Note: A donation of \$155 was enclosed]

If you want to submit a letter to the church

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

Weekly Community Uses of UPC Rooms

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6pm Overeaters Anonymous	5:15pm Kiwanis (2nd Monday)		7pm OA	5:30pm Self Realization	5:30pm – Women’s Group	11am Overeaters Anonymous
8pm Campus				8pm Campus		
				7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays)		