

# Reaching UP

United Presbyterian  
Church

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## Bravo to Michael Su!

Our own Michael Su presented his Senior Recital on April 9 at the IU Jacobs School of Music Recital Hall located inside Merrill Hall on campus. He expertly and beautifully played Debussy's Violin Sonata in G minor and J.S. Bach's Adagio and Fugue from Solo Sonata No. 1 in G minor. Michael also amazed us as he performed Concerto for Violin by Barber and Sarasate's Carmen Concert Fantasy. Mathilde Handelsman accompanied Michael on the piano. It was an uplifting afternoon of pleasant performance and music.

In the audience cheering Michael on were UPC's Souheil Haddad and Allen Pease as well as Billy & Mary Lou Rhoades. Rounding out the audience were his entire immediate family and many of his fellow students from Jacobs School of Music and friends from several campus groups in which Michael has participated while at IU.

The Su family hosted a reception immediately afterward where Michael received many hearty congratulations on his performance. He graduates on May 7 and is then off to the Gould School of Law at USC in Los Angeles. We are grateful that Michael chose to worship with us and share his gift of music with us many times during his years at IU. He will be missed.

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Michael Su and accompanist Mathilde Handelsman.

Enjoying the after-recital reception were (front row) Souheil Haddad and Mary Lou Rhoades. (Second row) Billy Rhoades, Allen Pease, Michael, Dr. Su, brother Timothy, sister Rebecca, brother Anthony and Mrs. Su.



## Pastor's Pen



What does it mean to be a member? In organizations or clubs, there are often special privileges. As a member you are allowed to participate in decisions for the good of that organization. As a member you are also granted a responsibility for the health and upkeep of that particular organization. Sometimes I enjoy NOT being a member. In that way I can come and go unnoticed. I can enjoy the privileges without necessarily taking on the responsibilities of that organization. If everyone, however did that, the organization would not be healthy. It would eventually die if no one accepted the full privilege AND responsibility of membership.

The same is true about the Church of Jesus Christ. According to the Book of Order, the Constitution that has guided the Presbyterian Church (USA) for decades, it says about membership...

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

Such involvement includes:

*Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,  
Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,  
Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,  
Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,  
Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,  
Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,  
Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,  
Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,  
Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,  
Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and  
Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.*

There are 3 ways to become a member of a Presbyterian Church.

- a. Public profession of faith, made after careful examination by the session in the meaning and responsibilities of membership; if not already baptized, the person making profession of faith shall be baptized;
- b. Certificate of transfer, when a person is a member of another Christian church at the time of transfer;
- c. Reaffirmation of faith, for persons previously baptized in the name of the triune God and having publicly professed their faith.

During the next several Sundays, I will be using the Pastor's Class on Sunday mornings to talk through some of these things.

What does membership mean and why is it important?

How do you become a member of a Presbyterian Church in general and UPC specifically?

Sundays from 9:30-9:50 in May in the Parlor. Please come!

*Love and Blessings*

*Pastor Mitch*

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## Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

### Fun

IT'S TIME ! The Rummage Sale is finally here. It is not too late to bring donations. Drop them off at the church preferably before Thursday, May 5. If you need help getting donations to the church talk to Karen.



We still need volunteers to help price starting at 9am on Friday and work at the sale starting with set-up at 6:30a on Saturday. Another way to help is advertise to your friends and family to come shop. Flyers are in the narthex.

### Service

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.

### Appreciation

Earlier this year Alexander Like earned the rank of **Eagle Scout**, the highest achievement in the BSA program. Many of his service hours and requirements for merit badges were earned serving our church.

We may not see them every week but we are proud of our graduates and will be celebrating their accomplishment this month.

High School – Gerrit Jan Heitink

College – Aida Haddad, Fuad Haddad, Michael Su, Carissa Tucker, David Tucker, & Michael Turk.

## Financial Report

Expenses exceeded income again in March. We took in \$9,891.50 and expenses were \$16,338.26. This gives us a net cash flow of negative \$6,446.76 for March and negative \$5,378.03 for the year to date. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering brought in \$311.00. This special offering is a program of several denominations uniting together to help disadvantaged people throughout the world.

Don Root, Stewardship Chair



6 Alyssa Parker  
14 Fuad Haddad  
15 Don and Anne  
    Root Anniversary  
15 Terry Simpson  
19 Sue Lorimer  
22 Miriam Michael

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



## Fellowship Committee:

2016 brought some new ideas and changes to our Fellowship program. Instead of having one person responsible for setting up of Fellowship Hour. The Deacons (Nancy Truelove, Jan Berend Heitink, Elaine Hubbard, Sue Lorimer, and Lou Malcomb) are taking a leadership role and working with members who volunteered for the Fellowship Committee: Vera Heitink, Judi Iverson, and Ali Haddad. Until now the Deacons have always provided oversight of Fellowship Hour on the first Sundays which will continue. What are the changes:



# Help Needed!

- UPC invites all members of the congregation to participate in hosting a fellowship hour,
- FIFTH SUNDAY PITCH INS: Months that have a 5th Sunday (May, July, October) we will host a pitch-in. May 29th will highlight Graduation, July 31 may be a picnic; and hopefully by October 30th we can develop another idea?
- May 1st will celebrate some of our graduates with all invited to come also to the pitch-in graduation celebration on May 29th.
- May 8th is Mother's Day and we will celebrate it as "Muffins for Mothers" (a take off of the Ham-mels :Donuts for Dads" coming up on June 19th.
- Monthly Birthday celebrations: the Deacons have been getting a cake to celebrate all our birthdays for each month...because of other things, this will be celebrated on May 22 during May and June 25 in June. Come sing happy birthday to those in our congregation who have gained another year of wisdom!

**BEWARE:** The deacons will be approaching you to see if you'd be willing to sign up to host a Sunday Fellowship, either individually or get a team together! We have lots of openings during the summer months and we have some funding. We don't need a big spread...just some coffee, tea and a little treat. It can be as simple or complicated as YOU want it to be. Sign up NOW on the clip board in the Narthex. Many thanks for helping us keep Fellowship a fun and effective program.



## Letter to the Editor:

Dear friends at UPC,

Thank you for the outstanding birthday celebration. The generous gift, cake and wonderful laughter made #60 truly a special occasion. Thank you for that and for the love, support, encouragement and prayer during our time at UPC. We love you all and treasure what each of you mean to us.

Love and Blessings,  
Mitch

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am Graduate Recognition	2	3 6pm Book Study	4	5	6 11:45am – Men's Lunch	7 8-Noon Rummage Sale
8 <b>Communion/ Deacons Sunday</b> 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	9	10 6pm Book Study	11	12	13 11:45am – Men's Lunch	14
15 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	16	17 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	18	19	20 11:45am – Men's Lunch	21
22 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	23	24 6pm Book Study	25	26	27 11:45am – Men's Lunch	28
29 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Pitch-in Grad Recognition	30	31 6pm Book Study				

**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 Group				8pm Campus Group		
				7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays)		