

# Reaching UP

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## Baby Shower!

Parenthood is fast approaching for Brent & Sarah Moon Stamey and the decision has been made to celebrate! Everyone's invited! Ladies, men, teens and kids! No games! No centerpiece raffles! Just good old fashioned food, fellowship and gifts to welcome the new baby!

The Moon Stamey Baby Shower Luncheon will be Sunday, June 5, during Fellowship Hour. The lunch and set-up are being coordinated by Virginia McCartney and Colleen Swanson. Folks don't have to bring anything but their love, fellowship and a baby gift! The due date is the first week of July and the happy couple chose to wait until the day of birth to discover if God is gifting them with a boy or a girl. Put the celebration on your calendar now!



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### What do you think?

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### Utilize Scrip

When Scrip is purchased, UPC receives back from the merchants participating in the Great Lakes Scrip program. The Scrip table is available the first Sunday of the month to accept orders and payment. The purchased Scrip is then available for pick up the following Sunday.

### Little Red Wagon

The little red wagon is waiting to be filled with canned goods and hygiene products for Monroe County United Ministries. For more information ask one of our Deacons.

## Pastor's Pen



*Don't Know Nothin' About Birthing...Anything!"*

On Mother's Day I was the designated speaker. I was less than ideal compared to the "customary" UPC preacher. But even without the proper credentials to wax eloquent, I was able to say some things about the "birthin" happening right in front of our eyes at UPC. God is growing a new thing among us with new pastoral leadership. As new leadership is emerging, it is taking time, energy and patience. While it is being formed, we are readying the nursery and preparing ourselves. What else do we need to do in anticipation of its arrival? We are getting restless to see it. When will new life and new leadership come? When God is ready and when we have done what we need to do.

The birth narrative offers an image of life as a whole and the birth of new faith that needs to emerge. Our world in general and our country specifically seems to be coming apart at the hinges, our families are being stretched at painful levels and our health has waned. Can we continue to believe that God is at work even in the midst of that pain and see the birth that needs and wants to happen, even and especially within us? The prophet Isaiah gave a solid promise in Isaiah 49 when he said, "*along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. I will not forsake them.*" And the following chapter as well, "*I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*" Isaiah speaks to people whose country and their lives had been in an upheaval and they languished in their pain for a considerable duration. Their country had been in a mess and was just getting back to normal. Nothing was familiar but the pain was beginning to subside. The Prophet begins his song, "It's time for a new song." We've all been in those places in our lives when it seems finally the clouds are beginning to clear. Fair weather has been predicted and can again be anticipated. God led them from darkness and helped them to see light again. Here, in this place, that is our opportunity as well. But first, there is pain yet to endure. There are preparations yet to be made. And there is some stretching we are being called to do to accommodate the birth of God among us? Are you ready? Will you help?

With Love and Blessings

Pastor Mitch

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

## MCUM Hunger Games-

Thank you to everyone that made contributions to the MCUM Hunger Games competition. As the MCUM representative stated on May 8<sup>th</sup>, your donations help provide assistance to countless people in Monroe County.

## Mission Trip-

We need you! Melanie and Darian will be chaperoning a trip to Buckhorn June 26- July 2. Depending on the participants the dates may be adjusted. If you are interested or would like to hear more about the trip please talk to Melanie. There are outside landscaping jobs, indoor handyman projects, organizing items for the store, etc. If we know the participants we will make sure to arrange for tasks that can be handled. Melanie and Karen may make a preliminary trip to organize the supplies and laborers for the best use of time. Everyone 12 and older is welcome.

The rummage sale to raise funds for the mission trip was a great success! Thank you to everyone that contributed items, bought merchandise, and most of all gave of their time to make the event such a great triumph. With the UPC budget being so tight year after year these funds are invaluable so that the trip is even possible as well as providing supplies for the work that we do that they cannot afford. Your generosity is bountiful!

## Graduation-

We are proud of our graduates but many times it means we also must say good bye. On May 1 we celebrated with Michael Su, David Tucker, Carissa Tucker, and Michael Turk. They will all be leaving the state in the next few months. On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will congratulate Aida Haddad, Fuad Haddad, and high school graduate Gerrit Jan Heitink. Since it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we will also be having a pitch-in during Fellowship.

## Your Help!

If you would like to be a part of the Christian Education Team at UPC please let Karen know at [klike@earthlink.net](mailto:klike@earthlink.net) We will be brainstorming ideas for Sunday School (hopefully recruiting some new faces to teach), Youth Group activities, re-evaluate the Bible Study and book study groups, and possibly come up with some new ideas to develop our Christian Education program. In the past our efforts focused on the youth and was run mainly by their parents. We need to expand our ideas to include all and hopefully mix the generations so we can help each other.

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	Julie Hammel
4	Souheil & Alejandra Haddad Anniversary
5	Fadi and Aline Haddad Anniversary
6	Jane Hammel Priest
7	Aida Haddad
8	Sarah Moon Stamey

9	Ed & Delores Toby Anniversary
12	Rachel Bauer
12	Allen Pease
21	Bill and Stephanie Worden Anniversary
22	Bob and Julie Hammel Anniversary

23	Sami Haddad
23	Dania Parker
27	Thomas Like
27	Andy Hill
29	Raja Hanania

If you would like to make additions to the birthday and anniversary calendar please email: <a href="mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com">upcbloomington@gmail.com</a> .
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## In Memoriam

Rudolph E. "Rudy" Kaster Jr  
April 11, 1927 – May 3, 2016



Rudolph E. "Rudy" Kaster Jr, 89, passed away on May 3, 2016, at his residence in Bloomington surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 11, 1927, in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of Rudolph E. and Pauline R. (Sanders) Kaster Sr. Rudy was a 1945 Graduate of Du Pont Manual High School in Louisville. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in WWII and was sent to Yale University to study the Japanese language before he was honorably discharged in 1946. Rudy was a 1950 Graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He married Harriet Louise Cunningham on October 3, 1953, in Louisville. He worked for General Electric in Bloomington for 37 years before retiring in 1986. After retirement he spent time raising money for the Shriners Hospital for Children. He enjoyed golfing, swimming, Reds baseball, and crossword puzzles. Rudy was an Eagle Scout and later served as Boy Scout Troop Leader.

Rudy loved his family and lived for spending time with family and friends.

Rudy was a longtime member of United Presbyterian. He and Harriet joined in 1992 and were active participants in church activities. He was also a member of Monroe County Masonic Lodge #22 F&AM, York and Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, Stonebelt Shrine Club, American Legion Post #18, Elks Club #446 and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Rudy is survived by his children, Leslie Gayle Kaster, and Rudolph E. "Rudy" (Nancy Dillard) Kaster III both of Bloomington, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Harriet L. Cunningham Kaster, and one brother John V. Kaster Sr.

After the 2 p.m. services officiated by Reverend Coggin with Brent Stamey on the organ at Allen Funeral Home, interment was at Clear Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in Rudy's memory to United Presbyterian Church or Shriners Hospital for Children in Lexington, Kentucky [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org). Memories may be shared or condolence to the family left at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

During the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. visitation hours, the United Presbyterian Deacons served refreshments in the Allen Funeral Home parlor. Immediately following the Clear Creek Cemetery graveside service, Rudy III, Nancy Kaster and Gayle Kaster hosted a Fellowship Lunch at their home on Fairfax Road. The family asked that everyone share the meal and time of fellowship with them in memory of Rudy.

The family extended their gratitude to Reverend Coggin, Brent Stamey, Allen Pease and the UPC Deacons and congregation for their assistance.

### Financial Report

In April, our overall financial position changed very little. Our expenses exceeded income by \$447.34. We took in \$11,281.54 and our expenses were \$11,728.88. While April was a reasonably good month, our overall deficit for the year is \$5,825.37. At this time last year, we had a slight surplus. Again, the key to getting back to a good financial position is to bring in new members to replace those we have lost over the last year and a half. They're not going to just show up; we have to invite them!

Don Root, Stewardship chair

# Calendar

~ June 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 11:45am – Men's Lunch	4
5 <b>Communion/ Deacon's Sunday</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and baby shower	6	7 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	8	9	10 11:45am – Men's Lunch	11
12 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	13	14 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study	15	16	17 11:45am – Men's Lunch	18
19 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	20	21 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	22	23	24 11:45am – Men's Lunch	25
26 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Fellowship  Buckhorn	27  Buckhorn	28 12:15 Bible Study 6pm Book Study  Buckhorn	29  Buckhorn	30  Buckhorn		

## 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)		