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My Fair Update, or perhaps you might prefer, Spamalot – A Message from the Colby’s

In keeping with Valerie’s great trip to Greece this month due to a very generous gift from her father (with whom she went), I thought it appropriate to reference of course, famous Broadway musicals...only one of which have I actually seen (not on Broadway...but in fact on Michigan Road, but who is counting?)

While Valerie was gone, we were not exactly Les Misérables here holding down the fort, as there was at least a little fun and whimsy, without being Wicked of course. We lived it up, eating lots of popcorn and PB&J for meals (no meat while she was gone...it was like the place was the Phantom of the Lasagna), and more TV watching than normal in between work for Felipe and school for the kids, but in general if you had asked us our decorum at the time, each could have replied “Ain’t Misbehavin’.”

We had a FAME (www.fameworld.org) group here this month, a medical team. The focus with these sorts of medical teams has switched this year in terms of how we use them. In the past we have been able to see more than A Chorus Line’s worth of patients in brigades, but now we are moving to “health days” where we have a small Church service, physical/health education, lunch, and then a more condensed time seeing doctors and getting medicines.

During the chaos of the airport visit to see the FAME group off, and amongst a visiting violinist playing the introduction to Fiddler on the Roof (yes, really), at the very last minute we also had to unload our first clothing container of the year. Some bags fell out of the Fords we were using to get them up the hill to the property as the beds were filled quite full. If any of those bags opened, and any clothes got soiled, that would make the driver the Man of La Mancha (did you know that La Mancha means in Spanish... “The Stain”?)

Family speaking, we are all perking along well, even our Cats, despite having to take Sisko to the vet to officially remove part of his tail after the serpentine wire incident. The Beauty and the Beast are doing well in school trying to finish out the year, Cecilia is enjoying uploading videos to her YouTube channel to be seen from 42nd Street to Avenue Q and Soren enjoys holding his iPad like Rafiki presenting The Lion King, but does have other interests when forced into them.

Mamma Mia! It is time to take these prayer requests to the three in one, The Producers of all good things!

1. That we would help each other here, working together, not trying to be like isolated islands in the South Pacific as it were.
2. Sometimes the pile of things that need to be done may seem deeper than the thickest Chicago style pizza, may we receive guidance and strength to tackle them while finding times to rest as well.
3. Strength and health for the bodies we Rent for all those involved with His Eyes ministry

Yours truly,
Guys and Dolls

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Pastor's Pen



FROM PASTOR MITCH

June 21 2018

To: Don Root, Clerk of Session, United Presbyterian, Bloomington
Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Eddie Hammet, Congregational Coach with The Columbia Partnership writes in his book, "Making Shifts Without Making Waves," "Change creates a storm crashing on the shorelines of our time." Change and transition are consistent threads. Change has been the nature of our work together at United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Indiana and will continue to be your banner in the coming months and years.

For 2 ½ years I have served as your Transitional Pastor. You have cared for me and God's church with great dedication. You have been faithful and, together, we have tackled the interim tasks with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. It is time for new leadership that can guide you into the continued days of discernment as you move closer to the pastor that God has in store for you. I feel that I have taken our church where God wanted me to take you. As you know, Linda and I have purchased a home in Bristol, TN where Linda will soon take up her work as Assistant Professor of Education at King University there. I continue to be open to God's next call for me. I am in conversation with Holston Presbytery about pastoral vacancies within their bounds and I will also continue to function as a certified Life Coach for Presbytery Executives, pastors and others. This fall I have committed to teaching Transitional Ministry Education that is bi-annually offered at Montreat in North Carolina and through the Synods of Mid America and Lincoln Trails in St. Louis.

Leaving Bloomington is bittersweet. UPC and Bloomington have provided to us remarkable opportunities of growth and challenge. I know, however the work here is not yet completed. The Pastor Nominating Committee has been diligent and faithful in doing everything within their power to secure new pastoral leadership. But God has not yet provided that person. I sincerely believe a new pastor will be with you sooner than you know or imagine. Please continue to pray for the work of the PNC and to be faithful to your church. For Linda and me, life and ministry will be together again.

I have asked our Session to dissolve the interim pastor call. My last Sunday and final day of service will be July 17, 2016. The Presbytery will guide you in the coming days to name a Moderator for Session prior to a new pastor being called. I ask that we use the remaining days of my tenure to celebrate our work together. I hope you will reaffirm your commitment to the Lord as well as to United Presbyterian Church. United Presbyterian has much good ministry left to do!. Your love and prayers during these days are critical and appreciated.

Wishing you God's Peace,

Rev. Mitchell J. Coggin, Transitional Pastor

Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

Thank you

To all those that contributed to the youth rummage sale. Contribution of items to sell, putting in hours towards the sale, as well as making purchases. We also saved unsold items and they are ready to be delivered to Buckhorn at the end of the month. The \$1,000 goal was met to pay for the trip and purchase the needed supplies to provide help to the local church and members. THANK YOU

Service

The Buckhorn mission trip is scheduled for June 26-July 2. If you are interested in helping with honey-do jobs around the church, working on preparing items for the store, pouring cement steps, clearing brush around a house, or easy maintenance at member's homes, please talk to Melanie or Darian for more information.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 Bob Craig
2 Lucinda Wyman
3 Benjamin Heitink
4 Robert Pate
7 Logan Worden
10 Nicholas McBride

10 Matthew McBride
11 Alejandra Haddad
17 Ed Toby
18 Delores Toby
25 Melanie Mathis McBride
27 Hye-Ryoung Kwon



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

Financial Report

May was a very good month, financially. Our income exceeded expenses by \$5,951.73. We took in \$18,341.13 and our expenses were \$12,389.40. This takes us into positive territory with a slight surplus for the year-to-date of \$126.36. Several factors contributed to giving us such a good month. First of all, May was a month with 5 Sundays. Secondly, the rummage and flower sales netted a total of \$2,002.58. Thanks to all who participated. This gives our youth program a nice boost. Finally, some additional members paid their per-capita and others either caught up on their pledges or gave extra in response to earlier reports that we were running behind.

We are still behind where we were last year at this time by about \$1500. With vacations coming up, we need to remember to keep our pledges up so we don't fall way behind again.

Don Root, Stewardship chair

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Fellowship at UPC

May and June were a time of celebration at United Presbyterian. We had two occasions to mark graduations and celebrated a coming birth with a joyful baby shower!

On May 1st UPC honored college graduates Michael Su, Michael Turk, Carissa Tucker and David Tucker during the morning worship service. Then we celebrated their graduations during Fellowship Hour with good food and cake provided by the UPC Deacons and the Christian Ed Committee. It was a wonderful time of fellowship.

On May 29, we honored high school grad Gerrit Jan Heitink (Bloomington High School North), college grad Fuad Haddad (Emory University) and Masters of Divinity Degree graduate Aida Haddad (Princeton Theological Seminary) during morning worship. The Deacons organized a Celebration Reception and 5th Sunday Pitch-In Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Again, it was a time of great food, fun and fellowship.



Aida Haddad and Gerrit Jan at the May 29 grad reception.



To kick off the baby show, a smiling Sarah was presented with an overflowing gift table!

With the fast approaching parenthood of Brent & Sarah Moon Stamey, UPC celebrated with a contemporary baby shower! No games! No centerpiece raffles! Just good, old fashioned food, fellowship and gifts to welcome the new baby! On Sunday June 5 we gathered in Fellowship Hall after morning worship for a Baby Shower Luncheon coordinated and prepared by Virginia McCartney and Colleen Swanson. Everyone was encouraged to simply bring love, fellowship and a baby



Helping Sarah with her gifts (from left going around the table) are Colleen, Julie, Mary Lou, Miriam and Elsa.

gift! "The room was beautifully decorated, the lunch was delicious, and the vast array of desserts was fascinating!" Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey is beginning her third year as Music Director at UPC. This is the first child for Sarah and Brent. Expected in early July, the couple has chosen to wait until then to see if God has gifted them with a boy or a girl. Thanks to Souheil Haddad for the photos.

Letters to the Editor

Dear UPC Members,

On behalf of my brother Rudy, sister-in-law Nancy and myself, I want to thank you for the care you have given my Dad, Rudy Kaster. Your many notes, cards, visits and prayers gave Dad great peace. He loved his church family.

Many years ago Mom and Dad's neighbors, the Asdell's, invited them to UPC. That was more than 35 years ago. Over the years, UPC has loved my family. Please know that the Kaster family will always try to extend that same love to you all.

Again, thank you for the kindness and love you gave Dad.

Blessings, Gayle Kaster

~ July 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11:45am – Men's Lunch	2
3 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	4	5 6pm Book Study	6	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
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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)		