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Lots of Fun at Thank You Chancel Choir Luncheon

In gratitude for the 2015-2016 Ministry of Music given to us by the Chancel Choir, the UPC Worship Team and members of the congregation gathered at Mr. Hibachi Restaurant to treat the singers to lunch after morning worship on May 15. The end-of-season thank you lunch also honored the choir members and director Sarah Moon with the presentation of a special cake! About 25 folks came to celebrate with the choir! In addition to letting the choir know they are appreciated, everyone had a fun time as you can clearly see in these photos by Souheil Haddad!



Caroline Worden shows her special talent as does Sarah Cochran and then Bill Schofield shows his special talent. We were certainly having a good time!



Bill Schofield and Bob Lorimer with choir members Sue Lorimer and Nancy Truelove.



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Sarah Moon Stamey and Lou Malcomb cut the cake



Karen, Alexander, Noah, Thomas and Lance Like. All three of Karen & Lance's sons sing in the Chancel Choir.



Note from PNC



The Pastor Nominating Committee has spent the last year discerning who God has already chosen to be our new pastor.

We began the process by reading the mission study that the congregation worked so hard to put together. We used that study to create a Mission Statement, and answer questions about our vision for ministry, the needs of our community, and how our new pastor will help make our mission and vision a reality. The answers to those questions formed the foundation for our Ministry Information Form (MIF). We also selected 10 characteristics from a list of 33 that we felt best represented the qualities our church is looking for in a pastor.

The MIF is UPC's part of the process. The other part of the process is the Pastor Information Form (PIF), which is filled out by clergy. Once our MIF was complete, it was uploaded into the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) of the PC(USA), and we were matched with a list of PIF's that closely matched our MIF. Once our MIF was uploaded into the CLC, pastors who were searching for a position were also able to self-refer their PIF to us.

Through a combination of matching and self-referral, over a period of several months, we received nearly 50 PIF's. We narrowed that list down to approximately 25 PIF's that we seriously considered. Of those 25, we conducted eight Skype (an internet program that allowed us to see a candidate and the candidate to see us) interviews using a series of questions we asked each candidate, as well as questions that arose when we read their PIF. Of those eight interviews, we sought to arrange face-to-face interviews with four of them, and three accepted. For each of the three candidates we called references listed on their PIF, and encouraged them to contact the church's references.

When each candidate came to town, we housed them at a local inn, ate with them, gave them a tour of Bloomington and our church, and conducted a more in-depth interview. For each candidate, our Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Susan McGhee, conducted her own reference check with the Executive Presbyter in the candidate's home presbytery. Each candidate also underwent an interview with our presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to determine the candidate's goodness-of-fit, both with our church and as a member of our presbytery.

After much prayerful consideration and discussion, we felt that one candidate was the best fit for our congregation. We offered this candidate the position, and the candidate responded positively. We are currently in the process of negotiating a compensation package, which will become the Pastoral Call Form.

On August 21, 2016, the candidate will preach a sermon for the congregation, and afterward we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on whether the candidate should become our installed pastor. Should we vote positively, the candidate will then inform their current congregation of their intentions, and will give 60-days' notice to that congregation. The candidate would then join us in mid- to late-October.

Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

The annual Buckhorn trip was another great success! Due to unexpected circumstances, it ended up being an “All Boys Trip” this year. Darian and youngest son, Jesse, went down a couple days early to get a lay of the land, buy supplies and set up a work plan for the week. Since they had an extra day, they teamed up with Gayle and Tom Burns’ granddaughter Sophie to paint the back deck at the Buckhorn mayor’s



house. In the afternoon, they installed a ceiling fan in the Manse, worked on the windows in the church sanctuary and started a painting project at the Visitor’s Center where we stayed.

Lance, Alexander, Thomas and family friend Nathaniel arrived Wednesday afternoon just in time for the delicious pitch-in dinner provided by the Buckhorn congregation. We concluded the evening with singing and fellowship.

Thursday, with a full crew, the work began in earnest. The day was spent building two sets of wood steps for a 93 year-young lady named Ms. Polly. She treated us to a picnic lunch for our troubles. It took all day, but everyone felt a sense of purpose and the smile on Ms. Polly’s face when we were finished made all our aching muscles worth the effort.



On Friday morning Lance and Alexander finished the painting project at the Visitor’s Center while the rest of the group started working up on the mountain above the church trimming bushes, shrubs, tree limbs and vines around the home of one of Buckhorn Church’s dearest members so they could see the church from their porch.

Mary Ann and H. C. Sparks own the general store in Buckhorn. H. C. has been battling declining health the past couple of years. This year we found out he had to be put into a care facility over an hour away, and would have to be put on a feeding tube the week after we left. In addition to trying to go see H. C. three days a week, Mary Ann had recently fallen in her garage and was dealing with her own limited abilities. She was very thankful for all our hard work and treated us to a wonderfully cooked meal for lunch, with made-from-scratch chocolate pie and homemade apple hand pies for dessert. Everyone enjoyed a big lunch and good conversation before heading back outside to finish our projects.



Missing his wife, sleeping in his own bed, and being concerned for a sick horse, Darian decided that he and Jesse would wrap up their week and leave Friday evening.

Lance and his crew enjoyed some down time walking the creek and hiking around the nearby dam at Buckhorn Lake. They stopped for a zip lining adventure in the Red River Gorge area on the way home on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone that contributed towards the rummage sale that provided the funds used to finance this trip. Leftover items were also delivered to the Buckhorn thrift store and will be appreciated by many.

Third Annual Yummy Spaghetti Dinner!



Get this on your calendar now!

Thursday, August 25 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**The Worship Team invites all!
To benefit the UPC
— Worship & Music Program —**

The Menu!

Tossed Salad w/dressing, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Fettuccini Alfredo, Grated Parmesan Cheese, Croutons,
Fresh Baked Bread Sticks, Dessert, Coffee & milk.

It's only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 8 and under.

The Silent Auction!

If you, your business or where you work for wants to donate an item for the Silent Auction, contact the church—
812-332-1850 or upcbloomington@gmail.com. Items will be put on display with bid sheets in Fellowship Hall.
Final bidding and awarding of items will be at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Don't miss it! Make plans for this great evening now so your calendar is clear to attend.

The Worship Committee [Sarah Cochran, Alejandra Haddad, Souheil Haddad, Jan Berend Heitink, Sarah Moon
Stamey, Allen Pease and Stephanie Worden] encourages everyone to join the fun.

Invite friends, relatives, co-workers, teachers, neighbors and classmates!!!!

Tickets will be on sale soon!

A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to donate a dessert for the event.

Letter to the Church

Dear UPC,

Thank you so much for the Barnes & Noble and Burger King gift cards -- you certainly know me! I look forward to purchasing a Whopper Jr. and some fun reading with your generous gifts.

With love,

Aida Haddad



Financial Report

June was a down month, financially. We gave back all the gains of May. Our expenses for June exceeded income by \$5,127.81. Our income was \$6,646.21 and our expenses were \$11,774.02. For the year to date, we are at negative \$5,001.45. Please keep your pledge up to date so we can avoid getting too far behind during the summer months.

Don Root – Stewardship chair

Farewell

It has been our privilege in having Mitch lead our UPC Christian community. His services and sermons have helped strength the bond between the members, attenders, and community. As we bid farewell, remember their new address.: 1166 Holston Avenue— Bristol, Tennessee 37620



~ August 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6pm Book Study	3	4	5 11:45am – Men's Lunch	6
7 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	8	9 6pm Book Study	10	11	12 11:45am – Men's Lunch	13
14 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	15	16 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	17	18	19 11:45am – Men's Lunch	20
21 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	22	23 6pm Book Study	24	25 6pm Spaghetti Dinner	26 11:45am – Men's Lunch	27
28 10am Worship	29	30 6pm Book Study	31			

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)		

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 Nabil Turk
 4 Mary Lou Rhoades
 7 Lou Malcomb
 9 Elaine and Jeremiah Hubbard Anniversary
 10 Rueben Cochran
 12 Bob Lorimer
 15 Darian McBride

16 Vera Heitink
 19 Joe and Renee Stubenrauch Anniversary
 19 Caroline Worden
 20 Souheil Haddad
 20 Nichole Heitink
 27 Bill & Mary Lou Rhoades Anniversary

