

# Reaching UP

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## Pastoral Call Weekend

The weekend of August 20-21<sup>st</sup>, the congregation of UPC welcomed and called Reverend John Napoli to pastor our congregation. On Saturday evening, the Pastor Nominating Committee hosted a Meet and Greet to welcome John and his wife, Sarah. It was a casual event with pizza, soft drinks, and fellowship.



About 30 people came to welcome Pastor John and Sarah. There was much laughter by the congregation as well as by the Napolis. A delightful time was had by all.

On Sunday, John led UPC in worship, featuring a meditation on mercy drawing from the story of Jesus' healing of a woman on the Sabbath from Luke 13:10-17. Following the service, a congregational meeting was moderated by Reverend Hana Elliott, where the congregation unanimously voted to call Pastor Napoli and he accepted. Church attendees convened in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious pitch-in lunch to celebrate and mingle. Pastor John will begin his call on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Luke 13:10-17 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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## Letters to the Church

July 22, 2016

United Presbyterian Church,

Please accept this \$50 contribution from the Sunday 6 PM Overeaters Anonymous group in appreciated for allowing us to use the church for our weekly meetings.

Thank you so much for supporting our group through providing meeting space. We try to be good stewards of the space and encourage appropriate use of the church facilities; if there is anything we need to change or do, please let me know.



-Sincerely, Harriet Fierman, Secretary  
Overeaters Anonymous

August 14, 2016

Dear UPC,

I wish to thank the congregation for the awesome “celebration” of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Thanks so much for your many kind words (your card means so much to me). The cake was delicious! Also, singing “Happy Birthday” in three languages was much fun. Being 90 is daunting! But you make me so proud to be among you as a member of this church.

And thanks to my dear husband for the beautiful flower arrangement to commemorate my birthday.

- Mary Lou Rhoades

August 12, 2016

United Presbyterian Church,

Please accept the enclosed \$50 from the OA Saturday Morning Group for using Room M/N from February to August in 2016. We very much appreciate the use of the room!

- Blessings, Cecila Buckley, Treasurer  
Overeaters Anonymous

July 28, 2016

Friends,

For your kindness, your thoughtfulness, your generosity, we’re so very grateful. Thank you! From the bottom of our hearts—thank you. Over the last two weeks, Linda and I have caught ourselves smiling (often) thinking of you, remembering your expressions of hope, prayer and love for us.

And there were the memories. Sacred and special memories of these last two plus years that we have worked, studied, learned, dreamed and laughed together. We were blown away on the 17<sup>th</sup> – with the gift of chair, money, hard drive with all the sermons, mega picture and, and, and . . . (meaning there is no way to capture it all. We love you. We are praying for you.

The chair is beautiful! It adorns my home office and will always remind me of you! It is strong and sturdy—just like UPC. And love you all for such a magnificent gift.

The money was a generous and outstanding expression of how kind and giving you are and have always been. We have used part of it to continue to furnish our new home. Thank you for your part in that.

The sermons (on hard drive) and autographed Easter picture will always remind us of our special time at UPC and your partnership with us. Thank you!

- Love & Blessings, Mitch and Linda

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

## *Get Involved*

We are looking for some fresh faces to teach Sunday school one week a month. We have two levels, elementary and teen. If you would like more information please see Karen during fellowship or send her an email at [klike@earthlink.net](mailto:klike@earthlink.net).

Pyoca's second annual fall High School Conference: *This is My Story*; October 7-9 will delve into faith journeys and learn how to unpack personal stories. Get to know keynote speaker Mihee Kim-Kort and Jorge Sayago-Gonzalez, the music and worship leader. Registration is open at [pyocaconferences.org](http://pyocaconferences.org).



VBS is in the works! September 25th lets head out to the Mathis Farm. Last year we had a great time with adult visitors helping with crafts, fishing, and just sitting back in relaxing conversation. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy fall in Brown County with the UPC youth.

Coming Soon.... The middle and high school youth will be going to UrbanAir on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Report

We fell behind again in July, but not as much as previously. We took in \$17,495.00 and payed out \$19,409.73 giving us a cash flow of negative \$1,914.73 for the month and negative \$6,916.10 for the year to date.

On a more positive note, the response to the school supplies drive was good again this year. We filled one of the large collection boxes and the second one was about half full. In delivering the donated supplies, I get to see the much larger overall picture of all the supplies donated by the many organizations that work to make this successful. It was gratifying to see the dozens of volunteers sorting items and filling the backpacks for distribution to needy families later that week.

Don Root – Stewardship chair

## Help Wanted

We are needing volunteers to staff the nursery from 9-11am in the fall. With Sarah coming off maternity leave we would love to be able to offer her nursery care. Also, with the hope of accommodating new members, it would be lovely to offer this service. Please let Karen know if you are interested at [klike@earthlink.net](mailto:klike@earthlink.net).

## New Addresses

Rev. Mitchell & Dr. Linda Coggin  
1166 Holston Avenue  
Bristol, Tennessee 37620

Evelyn Foster  
1550 East River Road, Apt. 305  
Tucson, AZ 85718

Nancy Truelove  
4740 Norfolk Circle  
Portage MI 49024

## Celebrating Bill and Mary Lou Rhoades

"You've been married almost longer than I've been alive," laughed Reverend Sarah Cochran as she honored Billy and Mary Lou Rhoades from the pulpit on Sunday, August 28. The couple had celebrated 67 years of Christian married life the day before, August 27. Reverend Cochran noted the exceptional floral arrangement Billy & Mary Lou had placed in the sanctuary to celebrate the occasion. The beautiful piece was accented by a spray of elegant gladiola. The congregation sang "Happy Anniversary!" to the smiling couple. Over refreshments during Fellowship Hour, they were presented with a card signed by everyone present as well as with a number of additional cards from individuals. Billy and Mary Lou have been active members of the UPC fellowship since 1965.



## Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner a Success

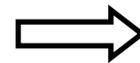
UPC's Worship Team hosted their third annual old fashioned Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on Thursday, August 25 to benefit UPC's worship and music programs and it appears it was a huge success from the stand point of fun as well as fundraising! Preliminary audit shows the Worship Team cleared a little over an amazing \$830 after expenses. It may even be better after the final audit—some folks still need to turn in receipts and others will be sending in donations or finalizing their bids for Silent Auction items. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, September 4—see any member of the Worship Team.



The meal was freshly prepared by Fazoli's Restaurant staff in Fellowship Hall as attendees watched. There were dozens of compliments on the spaghetti and the Fettucini Alfredo. Most of the desserts were home-made by UPC friends and members—the dessert reviews were raves!

← Fazoli's staffers Duke and Peggy kept the hot food coming!

Sarah Cochran and Souheil Haddad staffed the box office. Here Sookyung Kim and her daughter pick up their tickets.



New this year was face painting by 2016 Miss IU Justus Coleman, a senior from Indianapolis who's an accomplished artist and enjoys working with children. She created a beautiful Unicorn on the face of Virginia McCartney's granddaughter Caroline Carney.

We see Justus creating and we see the creation on Caroline's face.



The silent auction earned \$377 with items donated by Academic Scholarly Books, Linda Brown, Cardinal Stage Company, Coaches, Fazoli's, Hilton Garden Inn, Bob & Julie Hammel, Gerrit & Vera Heitink, Bob & Sue Lorimer, Louisville Theological Seminary, Allen Pease, Billy & Mary Lou Rhoades and Yogi's Grill & Bar!



(Left Photo) Enjoying fellowship were Bill & Mary Lou Rhoades, (Middle Photo) Chuck & Gladys Bartholomew (Right Photo) Julie & Bob Hammel.



(Left Photo) Also fellowshiping were Michelle Heitink and her son Gerrit Jan, IU Freshman (Middle Photo) Anne Root with Patty Timberlake (Right Photo) pianist/organist Brian McNulty.



(Left Photo) Indiana District of Circle K Lt. Governor Sam Stratton, Circle K at IU member Lyndsay Jones and Circle K at IU President Ashley Booe (Middle Photo) Miss IU Justus Coleman visits with Phillip Addison and his mother Janet. (Right Photo) Circle K at IU member Scotty Jauch with IU Army ROTC Cadets John Grady and Dylan Karnedy.



(Left photo) UPC Session member Andy Hill had dinner with Mary Jo Sorrels, Anne Root, Laurie Norton and Liz Root. (Middle photo) Clockwise from top are Carissa and David Tucker, Allen Pease, Reverend Lorimer, Barbara Gardner, Sue Lorimer and Hasook Park. Our final photo has the Virginia McCartney clan!

## Sixteenth year of home-made ethnic food

The UPC Ethnic Food Fair makes its 16th return on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. Yep, we skipped a year! We'll be indoors and outdoors again serving a wide variety of home-made ethnic food.

The Ethnic Food Fair was founded in 2000 by Travis and Elfrida Bauer and has been held annually each year since except in 2015. The Bauer's purpose was to illustrate the congregation's diversity while expanding upon fellowship opportunities. The Ethnic Food fair is a vision of UPC. It's an opportunity for friends and members of UPC to prepare and share food from their native countries including the various regions of North America. Neighbors of the church, townspeople, relatives and friends as well as members of UPC who attend the Ethnic Food Fair can enjoy the various *tastes from home* with the knowledge that the dishes were lovingly made by their very own friends, relatives and neighbors.



The 2016 UPC Ethnic Food Fair co-chairs are Vera Heitink and Allen Pease. Those signed up to volunteer at this point are Carissa Tucker, David Tucker, Gerrit Heitink, Linda Brown, Alejandra Haddad, Souheil Haddad, Jan Berend Heitink, Michelle Heitink, Lou Malcomb, Bill Schofield, Lissette Spir, Lamis Turk and Stephanie Worden.

Volunteers are needed for staffing on the day of the event as well as to decorate, set-up, sell tickets, clean-up and, most importantly—cook! Anyone is welcome to join in the fun by helping. The Ethnic Food Fair is successful each year because of the quality of the UPC volunteers. If you're interested in helping in any way, simply contact Vera or Allen. Call the church office at 812-332-1850 or give them a holler at any Sunday morning Fellowship Hour!



Of course, volunteers are also needed to buy tickets and eat the food! The event has sold out every year. All are urged to get their tickets in advance. This is an event that is perfect for sharing with friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers.

Foods from five continents will be served representing many nations including Colombia, Germany, Holland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Korea, South Africa and the United States. Congregants who prepare the dishes will also serve, making it possible for attendees to ask questions about the ethnic dishes. Adding to the interest, foods representing several nations will be grilled just outside the doors of the church. Appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts will be served indoors. A beverage station along with table and chair dining will be set up on the parking lot creating a sidewalk café atmosphere. Dishes from more than 20 nations have been featured in the past as well as many regional dishes from the United States.

Tickets are on sale during any Sunday Fellowship Hour or during church office hours: Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for college students and children six and older. Children five and under are free. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the programs, missions and activities of United Presbyterian Church.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 11:45am – Men's Lunch	3
4 <b>Communion/ Deacons Sunday</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	5	6 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	7	8	9 11:45am – Men's Lunch	10
11 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	12	13 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	14	15	16 11:45am – Men's Lunch	17 5-7pm Ethnic Food Fair
18 9:15am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	19	20 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	21	22	23 11:45am – Men's Lunch	24
25 9:15am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship VBS 12-5pm	26	27 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	28			

**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)		

**September Birthdays and Anniversaries**



2	Lamis & Nabil Turk Anniversary
3	Don Root
7	Judie Iverson
9	Lamis Turk
15	Betty Chipman
15	Alexander Isamu Like

17	Yasmina Haddad
20	Bud and Lucinda Wyman Anniversary
21	Fadi Haddad
27	Billy Rhoades
29	Vera and Gerrit Heitink Anniversary

