

# Reaching UP

## October Meditation

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From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
throughout every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise  
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**\*\*Isaac Watts's "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"**

(tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

from *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

### Prayer

Loving God, we are each a thread within the tapestry of your universal church. Help us to ponder the great beauty of this gift. Thank you for calling to each of us. Help us to lead our lives in service to you and not ourselves. Help us to understand our deep connection to others and focus on what unites us rather than our differences. "In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong." Alleluia. Amen.

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



**Sunday, October 16 – 1-3:30p**

**Join the** UPC Youth trip to Urban Air. Challenge yourself to dodgeball or try the warrior course! If you are interested in joining the group please email Elaine at [nplane01@aol.com](mailto:nplane01@aol.com) for more information. You can also check out UrbanAir at <http://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/trampoline-park-locations/bloomington-trampoline-park/>

### Nancy Truelove checking in . . .

We all miss Nancy Truelove, so it was a pleasure to have her check in with us via mail and a phone call over the past several weeks. She's now settled in a duplex in Portage, Michigan right next to her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. Nancy let us know that she misses everyone at UPC. She sent her gratitude for all the cards, letters and calls since her illness and says that she deeply appreciates each and every one. "I loved my cards!" she wrote. Nancy also thanks the UPC congregation for their prayer and continued prayers.



As we were preparing this article for the October Reaching UP, Nancy's daughter Holly contacted us to inform us that Nancy is scheduled for open heart surgery on Friday, September 23. Renewed prayers are requested. If you'd like to send a card or note of encouragement, here's Nancy's new address: Nancy Truelove; 4740Norfolk Circle; Portage, MI 49024.

### October Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 KyungAe Lim  
5 Evelyn Foster  
6 Bob Hammel  
10 Rula Hanania  
14 Peggy Watson  
17 Gerrit Jan Heitink  
20 Dina Hanania

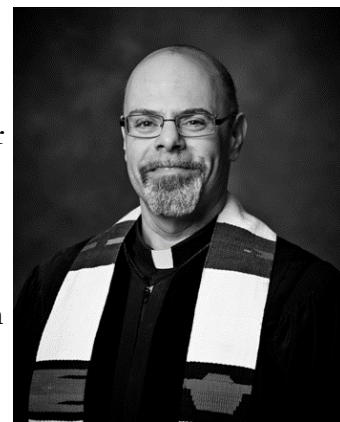
21 Michael Turk  
25 Pilsoo Kang  
26 John and Colleen Swanson  
Anniversary  
31 Darian and Melanie Mathis  
McBride Anniversary



# Welcome Reverend John J. Napoli III

UPC is happy to announce that we will welcome the Reverend John J. Napoli III as our new Reverend Sunday, Oct. 23.

This will be our first such service in almost 25 years. Reverend Napoli becomes the 20<sup>th</sup> Reverend called into full-time ministry. The usual Sunday morning service, with Rev. Napoli's first sermon as Reverend, will be followed by a pitch-in luncheon. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. The service and lunch are open to attendance by neighborhood and community as well as UPC's membership.



## Financial Report

We had a good month in August. Our income was \$8,478.50 and our expenses were \$5,855.64, thus our income exceeded expenses by \$2,662.86. That is good for a summer month, however, it is due in part to our not having to pay a full time Reverend. We still have a deficit for the year to date of \$1,964.42.

Don Root – Stewardship chair

## What Happened at Assembly on Sept 10th?

The Presbytery met at Pyoca, our camp near Brownstown. As always, the camp and staff did a nice job of hosting our meeting. The day was beautiful and the setting where we could observe the outdoors was great.

Our Executive Presbyter, Susan McGhee preached a sermon on stewardship as we came to order and were called to worship.

The Assembly was rather well attended, in spite of the competition of a pleasing day to be outside. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported on the event and the actions in Portland. Rev. John Erickson and Ruling Elder Jane Gore were our commissioners and Anna Tilstra-Smith was our Young Adult Advisory Delegate. John and Jane related their experience and both cited this event as being a literally life changing event. The mood and actions of assembly were very positive for our folk.

The Confession of Belhar was discussed and a video of that confession was shared with the Assembly. A Stated Clerk Elect was elected to replace the current clerk who will retire at the end of this year. Our new clerk (as of January 1) will be David Crittenden. Dave has a long history with the presbytery and with the wider church.

A Change in Per Capita was passed by the Assembly. The per capita for next year will be \$31.50. An increase in the minimum compensation standards was discussed and approved.

Larry Jackman, Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of Ohio Valley

## 2016 UPC Ethnic Food Fair – Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Rain, rani, rain, and then—the sun was suddenly there! What an afternoon for UPC's 16<sup>th</sup> Ethnic Food Fair! God could not have smiled upon us more!

Over 150 people enjoyed the phenomenal array of food brought together by Vera Heitink. The comments from attendees were overwhelmingly positive for Karen Like's chocolate covered bacon to Jan Berend Heitink's lasagna to Alejandra Haddad's South American delights to the wonderful dishes of the Middle East prepared by Rula Hanania and Aline Hamati Haddad. The same for the South African Durban Curry Chicken from Carissa Tucker, the wonderful Korean bulgogi made by Sookyung Kim and the amazing Texas style beef brisket from the hands of David Tucker along with Sue Lorimer's cranberry-nut gelatin salad. Also getting raves were the pasta dishes of Michelle Heitink and the outdoor-grilled German bratwurst brought to us by Bill Schofield and expertly grilled by Gerrit Heitink. Also featured was Greek moussaka, dishes from Serbia and an entrée from India prepared by Leina Joseph. Colleen Swanson and Virginia McCartney made sure the dessert table was well stocked with an abundance of sweet goodies brought by UPC cooks. Everyone loved Vera's amazing Indonesian Rice Table which offered a selection of entrees traditionally served with rice in Indonesia including **bahimi**, **chicken kuning**, nasi goreng and satay served with gado gado peanut butter sauce. Gerrit put together 100 skewers of satay meat and not one was left!

The Ethnic Food Fair was founded in 2000 and has been held annually each year since except in 2015. Dishes from 14 nations were featured. More than 20 members of the congregation volunteered to staff the event and prepare the many ethnic dishes. Congregants who prepared the dishes also served which made it possible for attendees to ask questions about the server's ethnic dish.

Doing an excellent job of assisting co-chairs Vera and Allen Pease were Lou Malcomb, Gerrit Heitink, Andy Hill, Lance Like, Judie Iverson and Souheil Haddad. Lamis Turk not only added the Egyptian touch to the menu, but also kindly assisted many others with their dishes. UPC Teens Gerrit Jan Heitink, Benjamin Heitink, Alexander Like, Noah Like and Thomas Like pitched in with a great job of setting up and taking down the tables and chairs and other heavy duty tasks.

Preliminary book keeping shows that we cleared at least \$1,600 after expenses. Again, we can confidently say the UPC Ethnic Food Fair was a success financially as well as in fun, food AND fellowship. Carissa Tucker and Lou Malcomb decorated Fellowship Hall with international flags, maps, and other items, creating a festive atmosphere.



Ready to go! Minutes before the opening! An abundant dessert table and a delight from Colombia! Lance Like and Souheil Haddad helped with set-up.



The Middle Easter table was beautiful with Rula Hanania and Aline Haddad serving. Then Rula got to sample!



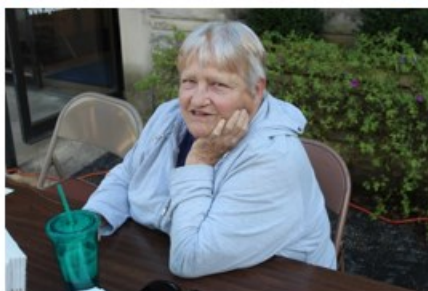
A long line moved happily along the tables. Souheil Haddad with Lamis Turk who brought a touch of Egypt to the Ethnic Food Fair and Vera at the very popular Indonesian Rice Table.



Our parking lot filled with happy folks dining in a sidewalk café atmosphere. The little girl in the middle photo was certainly having a good time.



In the top photos we see the Haddad Brothers Souheil and Fadi and Allen Pease and Phil Addison. The bottom photos show Reverend Sarah Cochran and then Andy Hill, Raja Hanania and Souheil. At right we see David Tucker carving his Texas style brisket of beef.



Sookyung Kim served at the Korean station and Carissa Tucker at the South African station.

Vera answered many questions about the cuisine of Indonesia at The Indonesian Rice Table.

# Calendar

~ October 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Communion/ Deacons Sunday</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	3	4 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	5	6	7 11:45am – Men's Lunch	8
9 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	10	11 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	12	13	14 11:45am – Men's Lunch	15
16 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 1pm Youth Outing	17	18 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	19	20	21 11:45am – Men's Lunch	22
23 10am Worship 11am Welcome Reverend John & Sarah Pitch-In	24	25 12pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	26	27	28 11:45am – Men's Lunch	29
30 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	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)		