

# Reaching UP

## UPC's Annual Easter Breakfast

An Easter tradition at UPC that is enjoyed by all is the annual Easter Breakfast held between the Easter Sunrise Service and the Easter Worship Service. Prepared by the Fellowship Team of the Deacons, the Worship Team and other volunteers, it's composed of homemade casseroles, side dishes and desserts from the cuisines of North and South America and the Middle East.

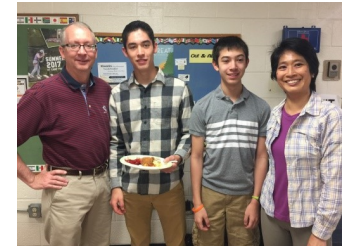


The Nyarko family with little Johnny and David enjoy breakfast as do the Heitink boys and the Worden Family. John, Jim, Kathleen, Colleen, Don and Liz enjoy the wonderful fellowship at breakfast in the far right photo.

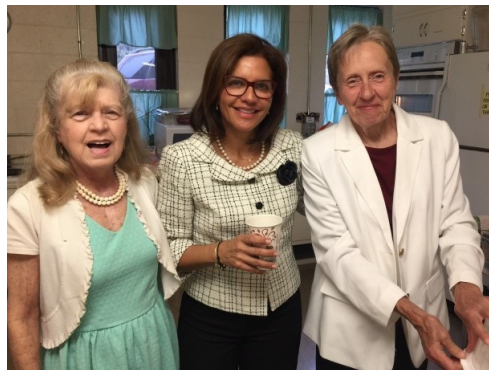
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Sue & Bob make selections as Elaine and Kayla share breakfast. Lance, Alexander, Thomas & Karen Like.



Lovely ladies Judie, Alejandra and Lou brighten up the kitchen. Allen, Phil and his mom Janet share desserts. A big thanks to Souheil Haddad for these great photos.

## Letter from the Pastor



With Easter Sunday and Holy Week now behind us the church must deal with a condition that some have called the Post Holy Week Hangover. It is a term that refers to a potential “let down” beginning with the Monday after Easter Sunday. But, being Presbyterian, this shouldn’t be a problem. For Easter is so much more than one day on our calendar...it is a season that lasts for fifty days. One of the ways to avoid this let down is to find ways that encourage thoughts of resurrection. For me it is gardening and planting in the spring. Either watching the birth of plants and life giving vegetables from seeds or watching plants and trees “bloom” to life after being dormant all winter. There are literally thousands of little resurrections all around us...a return of life in all of its radiant beauty. From grays and browns to bright greens and an array of colors, God paints the landscape and the world is born again. So, go outside and enjoy nature...go outside and plant, be a part of the resurrection of God’s creation. Be reminded that God is in the business of restoring life the entirety of this Easter Season.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor John Napoli



## How to Get Involved

### Sunday Morning

### Anytime

#### Volunteering with Sunday School

Do you love children? Are you excited about crafts and our youth? The Sunday School teachers would love to have you assist them. Please contact Karen Like [KLlike@earthlink.net](mailto:KLlike@earthlink.net) for more information!

#### Utilize Scrip

When Scrip cards are purchased UPC receives a percentage from the merchant. The Scrip table will only be set up on the last Sunday of the month to accept order forms and payments. The purchased cards will be available to be picked up the following Sunday!

#### Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a time to share with one another over coffee and snacks. Everyone is invited to attend. It is held immediately following the Sunday worship service. Fellowship hours can be hosted by groups, families, or individuals. If you feel led to serve in this way, a signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.

#### 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.

#### Video and Sound Systems

If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound system or help in taping the weekly worship sessions please contact Don Root at [rootd@msn.com](mailto:rootd@msn.com).

#### Offering

Would you like to help in counting the offering?: You do not need to sign up for a yearly commitment. Or if you are interested in collecting the offering please let Andy Hill at [andy@andyhill.us](mailto:andy@andyhill.us) know.

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

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the MCUM Hunger Games. It is not yet known if MCUM met their fundraising goals but we will let you know.



The Youth Spring Flower Sale is in full swing. Plan your gardens, talk with friends and neighbors. Plan on picking up your order Mother's Day weekend **May 13-14**. This effort is annually spearheaded by Melanie Mathis-McBride with flowers from Kelps in Nashville. The money raised will support youth activities like ice skating, movie night, the trampoline park, pizza party, hiking, VBS, and more.



We are heading out to the ballpark **May 7** at 1pm! It is church day at Bart Kaufman where IU will be playing Xavier. The cost is \$7 including entry ticket, drink, and entrée.

The youth will be having a rummage sale again this year in **August** to support the teen mission trip to Buckhorn. Boxes are available in the teen room for you to take home and fill up in the next few months. If you need assistance bringing things to the church, talk to Karen for arrangements.



We are searching for a paid nursery attendant. A detailed job description is available from Karen or in the church office. If you know of anyone that would be interested and qualified please talk to Karen Like or Elaine Hubbard. General needs are someone that is available year round every Sunday 8:30a-11:15a and for special events. They need to have experience and be certified in first aid and CPR.

It is time for graduation! Alexander Like will be graduating from Bloomington High School South, Mina Haddad with a Bachelors from Vanderbilt University, and Sami Haddad with a Masters from University of Wisconsin-Madison. We will celebrate their accomplishment **May 28<sup>th</sup>**.



## May Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 6 Alyssa Parker

May 9 Travis and Elfrida Bauer Anniversary

May 14 Fuad Haddad

May 22 Miriam Michael

May 15 Don and Anne Root Anniversary

May 15 Terry Simpson

May 19 Sue Lorimer



## Financial Report

Once again, our expenses for March exceeded our income. We took in \$9,457.00 and our expenses were \$12,055.62, giving us a net cash flow of negative \$2,598.62 for March and positive \$1,322.11 for the year to date.

On a positive note, your donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing added up to \$358.

Once again, we ask members, who are able, to pay their Per-Capita. The Per-Capita rate for 2017 is \$31.50 per member.

Don Root





## Letters to the Editor

United Presbyterian Church,

Please accept this \$50 contribution from the Sunday 6 PM Overeaters Anonymous group in appreciation 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, Secretary

## Reception of New Member, Patti Lucas



On Sunday, April 23, Reverend John Napoli conducted a Reception of New Member for Patti Lucas. Clerk of Session Don Root assisted and Reverend Sarah Cochran served as Patti's sponsor. Patti is the seventh person to become a member of United Presbyterian in 2017. Thanks to Souheil Haddad for this wonderful photo.

## UPC, ENA & City Partner for Clean Up Day

The Eastside Neighborhood Association invited United Presbyterian Church to partner with them and the City of Bloomington's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department to present a comprehensive neighborhood clean up day on the UPC Parking Lot and we've said YES!

On hand will be a wood chipper, dumpsters and trucks for tires and any hazardous materials, trucks for disposal of garbage and a designated area for reusable items. All for free!

The event is open only to residents of the Eastside Neighborhood and members of UPC. This is NOT a citywide event. Just us!

It all takes place on Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Update from His Eyes in Honduras– Max May Update

It is May, and you may have noticed that we did in fact *nix* the update from April. But we are back for May. I was challenged for an update with words that contained the letter x. I went a step further and limited it to three letter words with the letter x, and only words that end in x. That'll *fix* 'em!

How goes things at His Eyes? If you are interested in the *max* experience of information overload, check out the blog (and even subscribe if you dare) at [www.hiseyeshonduras.com/blog](http://www.hiseyeshonduras.com/blog) or the feeds at Instagram ([hiseyeshonduras](https://www.instagram.com/hiseyeshonduras)) or at Facebook ([www.facebook.com/hiseyes](https://www.facebook.com/hiseyes)). For the most part, there is no repeating of *pix* in any of those sites.

The last two months have seen normal activity such as Church anniversaries with everyone in their *tux* or other formal wear, quite the *mix* of patients in the clinic, the Milk Project kids using *six* computers to work on homework, and the list so continues.

We have our share of issues that *vex* us... legal red tape in a variety of areas especially so right now. Permits and changes to our clinic plan with the government which are so complicated we utter such vulgarities as "A *pox* on your governmental administration building!". We hope to get our clinic ambulance into the country *tax* free, but we wait for the final say from customs. Errands that can only be done in person, parking in hard to get to locations... email or *fax* just won't do.

A surgical team via CIY came for a site visit in April. We visited the public hospitals, always busier than *LAX*, and talked to surgical people in charge about the overwhelming needs the country faces. But, like sweet Kenny G *sax* music to Dr. Darwin's ears, the team decided to help our clinic do future surgical work instead of working with the hospitals. We are just starting this process, hard to tell where it will take us, but praying for God's guidance.

Cecilia found time to sprain her ankle pretty badly, dealing with the pain fairly well when a Tyrannosaurus *Rex* yell would have been appropriate. Soren spent several days in San Pedro Sula for a volleyball tournament, which was not carried on *Fox*, but was broadcast in part live via the internet. Valerie even got away for a *lux* kind of restful weekend to Roatan and La Ceiba with a friend from the US.

Prayer requests and an update go together like bagels and *lox*.

1. Safety, strength, and encouragement for the entire staff from the tops of their heads to the bottoms of their red or white *sax*. (clinic, Milk Project, pastors, coffee farms)
2. That there not be a *hex* on our application for duty free introduction on our incoming ambulance
3. Prayers for potential expansion of the clinic out of its current *bax* and into potential surgery?! Pray for direction, funding, and planning.

Thanks for writing to us, praying for us, trusting us with your donations...we truly are blessed with more friends than Courtney *Cox*, and you stick with us better than *wax* on hairy legs.

INDNJC,  
Fex,Vax, Cex and Sox

# Calendar

~ May 2017 ~

| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed                       | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
|--|-----|--|---------------------------|-----|-----|---|
|  | 1   | 2<br>12:15pm Bible Study<br>6pm Book Study                           | 3<br>11:45am Men's Lunch  | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br><b>Communion/ Deacons Sunday</b><br>10am Worship<br>11am Fellowship.          | 8   | 9<br>12:15pm Bible Study<br>6pm Book Study                           | 11<br>11:45am Men's Lunch | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Church clean up day<br>Youth Flower Sale pick<br>10am-1am |
| 14<br>Mother's Day<br>10am Worship<br>11am Fellowship<br>Youth Flower Sale pickup  | 15  | 16<br>12:15pm Bible Study<br>6pm Study on Mindfulness<br>7pm Session | 17<br>11:45am Men's Lunch | 18  | 19  | 20<br>8am-1pm Neighborhood clean up day                         |
| 21<br>10am Worship<br>11am Fellowship  | 22  | 23<br>12:15pm Bible Study<br>6pm Study on Mindfulness                | 24<br>11:45am Men's Lunch | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>10am Worship, Salute to UPC Grads<br>11am Fellowship and reception for grads | 29  | 30<br>12:15pm Bible Study<br>6pm Study on Mindfulness                | 31<br>11:45am Men's Lunch |     |     |   |

## 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               |                        | 3 pm OA (first Saturdays) |
|                          |                             |         |           | 7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays) |                        |                           |

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