

Reaching UP

68 Years of Joy! A Letter Tells it All!

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Dear UPC Family,

We would like to thank everyone who made our 68th wedding celebration so special and so much fun! Many thanks to the Fellowship committee, the Deacons, and Linda Brown, who made a beautiful blue and white wedding cake with 3 tiers. (Blue and white were our wedding colors.) We noticed that many of you were wearing blue and white... What a nice party! Often you have shown us how very much you care, and do it in such sweet and kind ways. Also, thanks for the lovely cards and comments. We shall continue to be with you as God allows us, always remembering your steady friendship and your encouragement to go onward.

May God bless you all greatly, as we continue to follow our Pastor Napoli's words, "Go! BE STRONG; BE CONFIDENT; SPEAK OUT. SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS."

Love, Billy and Mary Lou Rhoades

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Billy and Mary Lou are delighted by custom made cake



The Rhoades thank cake maker Linda Brown



From the Pastor's Pen ...



Autumn is finally here, and with it comes the month of October...my favorite month out of the year. There is just so much to love about this month: cooler weather, Halloween, and of course football. It is a time of harvest where we are able to enjoy what was planted months ago. October can be a wonderful time of renewal. But, this October is extra special as it is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the chapel door at the church in Wittenberg, Germany. An action that helped ignite the Protestant Reformation. So, this year as we celebrate a watershed moment within the history of the church, let us find ways to create moments within our own lives. Perhaps undertake a new study by learning about something that you have always been curious about, attend one of our studies on Tuesday, or the pastor's class on Sunday morning. Volunteer at one of numerous ministries that United Presbyterian assists with here in Bloomington, the Winter Shelter or MCUM. Find new ways to get involved with your church. Let this harvest season be a time of beginnings and renewal within your own spirit. May your life be blessed this autumn.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor John Napoli

How to Get Involved



Reaching UP

If you are interested in contributing articles or helping to put together the Reaching UP newsletter, please contact Andy Hill at andy@andyhill.us

Nursery Attendant

We are needing volunteers to staff the nursery from 9a-11a immediately. Please let Karen know if you are interested at klike@earthlink.net.

Volunteering with Sunday School

We are always looking for loving people willing to teach once a month in Sunday School or help in the nursery. Please contact Karen Like at klike@earthlink.net for more information.

Utilize Scrip

UPC receives a percentage from the merchant for each gift card purchased. Place and purchase your order the last Sunday of the month & pick 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.

Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)



September 24 plan to spend the afternoon out at Mathis Farm. The youth enjoy running around, fishing, climbing, and the adults enjoying watching them 😊

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Youth Programming at UPC! Fellowship Hall was full of donations for the rummage sale. Special thanks to Linda, Eydie, and Stephanie for setting everything up while the kids were in school. We made enough to cover the Pyoca scholarships that were awarded this year.

The youth taco bar lunch was a resounding success. Enough funds were raised to pay for the Buckhorn mission trip that took place in June. Thank you to Lou and Melanie for helping with the meal and video program. Thank you to all the youth for stepping out of your comfort zone and letting everyone know how much you appreciate their support.



We still need your support to nurture our youth. We are looking for a person to teach the teens once a month (most likely the 4th Sunday of the month). Curriculum is provided but could use some supplements provided by your personal touch. This is a 1-2 hour commitment a month.

We also need someone to help in the nursery. There is an opening the 3rd Sunday of each month. This is a 2 hour commitment from 9-11am. Also someone to cover the occasional 5th Sunday as well as substitute when needed. These positions are critical in creating a calm consistent atmosphere in the nursery.

If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved with UPC youth contact Karen (klike@earthlink.net).

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1 KyungAe Lim	Oct 14 Peggy Watson	Oct 25 Pilsoo Kang
Oct 5 Evelyn Foster	Oct 17 Gerrit Jan Heitink	Oct 26 John and Colleen Swanson Anniversary
Oct 6 Bob Hammel	Oct 20 Dina Hanania	Oct 31 Darian and Melanie Mathis McBride Anniversary
Oct 10 Rula Hanania	Oct 21 Michael Turk	

Financial Report

The financial results from August are encouraging. We took in \$14,383.50 and our expenditures were \$13,743.52 giving us a net cash flow of \$639.98. Our year to date total is negative \$5,610.51. Let's hope that this is the beginning of the end of the summer slowdown.

Don Root

Eastside Neighborhood Association Update

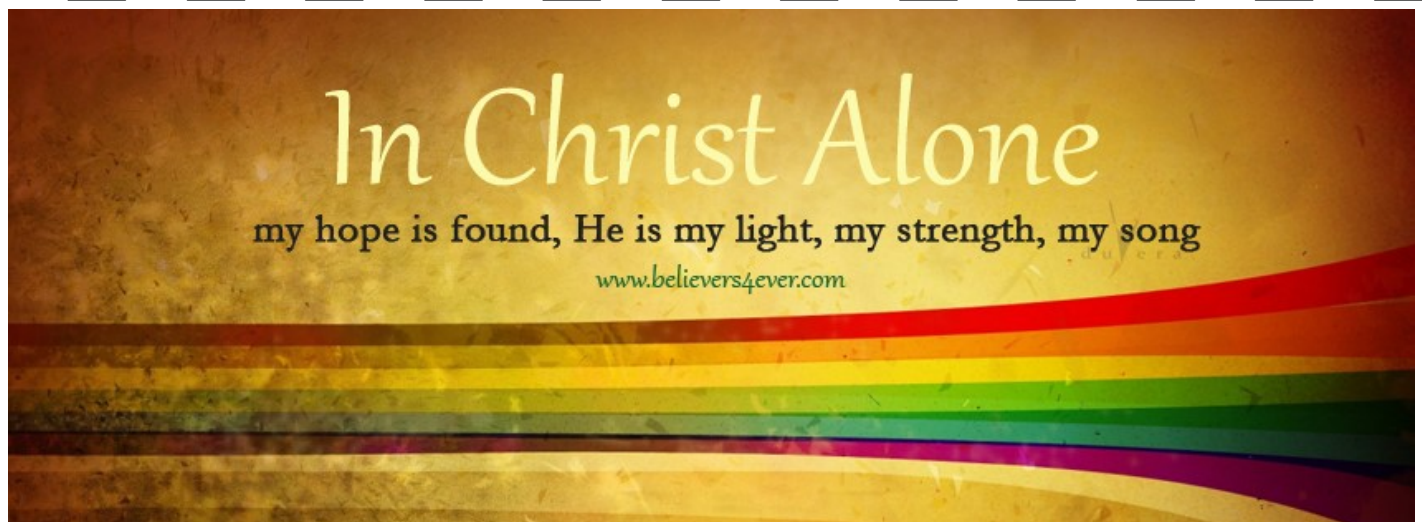
October 1 – Annual Neighborhood Meeting. Mark your calendar for our potluck and neighborhood meeting, 4 to 6:00 p.m. at United Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Eastside. This is a great chance to connect with neighbors old and new and to learn about ways to get involved in the neighborhood. The ENA will provide meat and vegetarian chili; please bring a side, beverage, or dessert to share.

ADUs Ordinance: At a 7-hour meeting on Sept 6, the City Council passed an amended version of the ordinance to allow ADUs/granny flats to be built in core neighborhoods. The ordinance includes several key provisions lobbied for by the ENA and the Bryan Park and Elm Heights Neighborhoods: approval of ADU permits by the Zoning Board of Appeals, a limit of one bedroom in ADUs, a limit of 3 unrelated adults on the entire property, and a requirement that the owner of the property sign an affidavit that he/she is living either in the main house or the ADU. A big thanks to Judy Berkshire for her leadership on this issue for the ENA and the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA).

Assess East Side's Walkability: 2-3 volunteers are needed to give input from our neighborhood on walkability and pedestrian issues to the Monroe County Coalition for Accessibility and Mobility. Training on how to do a "walkability audit" is October 24, 1–5:30 p.m. at Bloomington Transit multipurpose room. MCCAM hopes to finalize the volunteers quickly, so please email Barbara Salisbury of MCCAM, at barbara.salisbury@att.net.

Urban Homesteading Design Project (at The Project School, grades 7/8): Have you been thinking about backyard chickens and don't know where to start? Wanted to start growing your own food but don't have the time to plan your plot? Curious about backyard composting, worm bins, or rainwater collection? Always wondered about beekeeping or food preservation? We are currently engaged in a yearlong study of food, food systems, and urban homesteading. We are looking for families who would be interested in working with our students to design, build, and install elements of an urban homestead! You and your family will set the budget and our students will work closely with you to design homesteading elements and solutions that will help your family become more self-reliant and sustainable. Contact Carwina Weng, wengc@indiana.edu.

Recent car break-in: On August 31, several valuables were stolen from an unlocked car on the 700 block of Eastside Dr. Please remember to lock your doors and to look out on behalf of your neighbors!



Words of Inspiration

“Trust” by Sixpence None the Richer

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
Lean not on your own understanding
In all of your ways acknowledge Him
And He will make your paths straight
Don't worry about tomorrow
He's got it under control
Just trust in the Lord with all of your heart
And He will carry you through

Lord, sometimes it gets so tough
To keep my eyes on You
When things are going rough
But then I turn my eyes up to the sky
And I hear your voice it says to me...

So child do not be weary with the troubles
Of this world I have overcome

The first four lines are Proverbs 3:5-6.

Vocalist Leigh Nash described the origin of the band's name on the Late Show with David Letterman:

It comes from a book by C. S. Lewis called *Mere Christianity*. A little boy asks his father if he can get a sixpence—a very small amount of English currency—to go and get a gift for his father. The father gladly accepts the gift and he's really happy with it, but he also realizes that he's not any richer for the transaction. C.S. Lewis was comparing that to his belief that God has given him, and us, the gifts that we possess, and to serve him the way we should, we should do it humbly—realizing how we got the gifts in the first place.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixpence_None_the_Richer#Origin_of_the_band.27s_name

Calendar

~ October 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion/ Peace Offering Deacons Sunday 10am Worship 11am Fellowship			4 11:45am Men's Lunch			
8 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship		10 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	11 11:45am Men's Lunch			
15 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship		17 12:15pm Bible Study 5-7 Interfaith Winter Shelter Benefit at Chipotle 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	18 11:45am Men's Lunch	19 6pm Spaghetti Dinner in Fellow- ship Hall (Youth Fundraiser)		
22 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship		24 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	25 11:45am Men's Lunch			
29 Reformation Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Pitch-in		31 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study				

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 Sat- urdays)
				7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays)		

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