

Reaching UP

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Shrove Tuesday returns to UPC . . .

Shrove Tuesday hadn't been observed at UPC as far as anyone could remember—until last year! Reverend Napoli brought the tradition with him for the Deep South! The festive day was such a success we're doing it again! We learned that Shrove Tuesday is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated by consuming pancakes. It's often called Mardi Gras (or some translation thereof) and also celebrated as a carnival day and the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for Fat Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday comes from the word *shrive*, meaning *absolve* or *to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance*. Thus, the name comes from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of "shrovetide", somewhat analogous to the *Carnival* tradition that developed separately in countries of Latin Europe.



Shrove Tuesday is celebrated and observed by many Christian denominations who make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with.

The UPC Worship Team and Reverend Napoli have announced the 2018 Shrove Tuesday activities. At 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, UPC

will celebrate the beginning of Lent with a . . .

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

As last year, Reverend John Napoli will be host and chef! It's a fellowship opportunity for the congregation with all encouraged to invite friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to share in the food, fun, fellowship and live music. There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted for UPC Youth Activities. Live music will again be provided by the Heritage Hall Dixieland Band.

The Menu will include homemade pancakes personally flipped by Pastor John! Your choice: Plain, blueberry, chocolate chip or gluten free. Sausage patties, iced tea, orange juice and milk will also be served. A homemade King Cake will be provided by Stephanie and Caroline Worden. The Worship Team and the Deacons Fellowship Team will assist Reverend Napoli with the cooking.



From the Pastor's Pen ...

Greetings,

While we have been busy packing up our ornaments and taking down our trees Lent has been inching towards us. Once again, United Presbyterian Church's calendar will be bustling with events and opportunities to enrich our faith. Our Season begins on the 14th of February, with our second annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Like last year we will be serving up an assortment of breakfast foods along with our fresh off the griddle pancakes. The Hoosier Hills Dixie Land band will be back, bringing the sounds of the Big Easy to Bloomington.

Like last year there is no set cost for dinner but, with the rising costs we are asking for donations to help send our youth to summer camp at Pyoca, in Brownstown, Indiana! Let's all work together to make sure that all of our kids can enjoy camp this summer. The next night, February 15th we will be receiving the imposition of Ashes in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. And don't forget our weekly Tuesday night meditation services held in our sanctuary at 7:00pm throughout the Season of Lent. So, let us begin to contemplate and reflect on the upcoming Season. May the Lord bless you throughout your upcoming Lenten journeys.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor John

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@andhill.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.

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February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Feb 3 Nancy Truelove

Feb 19 John Spir

Feb 8 Joe Stubenrauch, Eydie Peacher

Feb 23 Jeremiah Hubbard

Feb 10 C. Allen Colwell

Feb 23 Rohan Joseph



Financial Report

December is always a good financial month due to extra end of year contributions and December of 2017 was no exception. Our income was \$19,049.09 and our expenses were \$15,971.80 giving us a net cash flow of \$3,074.29 for the month. Unfortunately, that was not nearly enough to end the year without a significant deficit. Our expenses for the year exceeded income by \$15,424.94. While we were able to make up the difference with monies from bequeaths and memorial funds, obviously we cannot absorb this kind of deficit year after year.

We have succeeded in cutting some expenses, but the majority of our expenses are fixed. Staff compensation, office expenses, and building utilities and upkeep are part of the cost of operating a church. There is no doubt that our members are giving what they can, so the answer for the long term is to increase our membership. In the new year, our Session will be working on new ideas to get the word out that we are a friendly and welcoming church, eager to serve the surrounding community. You can help by passing on any ideas you may have and inviting people to church.

Don Root

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE
THAN TO RECEIVE

In Memoriam

Loren 'Bud' F. Wyman
March 9, 1936 – December 18, 2017

Loren "Bud" F. Wyman, 81, passed on December 18, 2017 at IU Bloomington Health Hospital. Bud was born on March 9, 1936 in Salem, Indiana to the late Eddie and Grace (Humphrey) Wyman. He attended Pekin High School and graduated in 1954. Bud worked at Sears and went on to work at Gates Insurance as a salesman



until he retired. Bud never met a stranger, and his family was the center of his life. He was a wonderful example of what it meant to love actively, and his family is a representation of his strength and dedication. He was active in his community and was a member of the Masonic Washington Lodge #13 in Brownstown since 1964. He was also a devoted long-time member of the United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. Bud enjoyed working with his hands and was an avid gardener who loved flowers and woodworking. Bud loved his dogs Missy and Max, and they were part of the family. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed. Bud is survived his wife of 20 years Lucinda Wyman; daughters, Liz Bailey (Reed Records), Kathy Deckard (Larry); two step daughters, Dawn Myers (John Egan), Dania Parker; three step sons, Brett Myers, Bart Myers (Collyne) and Dr. Christopher Adamson (Jeanie); sister Pauline Sullivan; brother, Roy Irvin Wyman (Louise); grandchildren, Adam Deckard (Nikki), Haley

Deckard (Joshua Rector); step grandchildren, Bart Myers (Falesha Zwieble), Britney Meyers, Bree Breton (Sean), Brett Kayla English (Clifford), Ashlie Egan, Garrett Egan, Chelsey Parker (Nathan Sparks), Alyssa Adamson, Cassandra Branam (Logan) and Cameron Adamson; great grandchildren, Kennedy Deckard, Aden Deckard; step great grandchildren, Zoe Myers, Rileigh Myers, Benton Sparks, Isaiah English, Kaison King, Carter Benton, and Quinn Myers; many cousins, nieces, and nephews. His parents; a brother-in-law, Jim Sullivan, and two brothers, Ralph Wyman and Ivan Wyman, preceded him in death.



Youth in Action (and everyone is invited to join)

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 Like (klike@earthlink.net) or MelaniMathis-McBride (susieq_msm@yahoo.com).



UPC Youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you exit the sanctuary. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to our local Community Kitchen, which provides meals to those in need.



It's that time again.....

Summer Camp Time

Grades 2 – 2018 Grads

Visit Pyoca.org to register online

(Camps do fill quickly so to get the best date available for you and your camper register soon.)

Shrove Tuesday, February 13 – 6 p.m.

Pancake Dinner with sausage, iced tea, orange juice and milk plus King Cake by Stephanie and Caroline
Live music by 🎵 Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band. Food, fun, fellowship. Free to all!

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 7 p.m.

Imposition of the ashes – Reverend Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

First Sunday in Lent, February 18 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Liturgist – Alejandra Haddad Guest artist – Anna Wiegandt, harp

Tuesday, February 20 – 7 p.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Liturgist – John Swanson

Tuesday, February 27 – 7 p.m.

Led by Elder Don Root; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Guest artist – Timeelah Adamson, voice

Third Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion, March 4 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Liturgist – Deacon Fadi Haddad

Tuesday, March 6 – 7 p.m.

Led by Elder Bob Hammel; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Guest artist – Skye Kinlaw, violin

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Liturgist – Deacon Jan Berend Heitink Guest artist – Kylee O'Donnell, flute

Tuesday, March 13 – 7 p.m.

Led by Elder Alejandra Haddad; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18 – 10 a.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Liturgist – Elder Stephanie Worden Guest artist – Diana Wuli, cello

Tuesday, March 20 – 7 p.m.

Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ; Guest artist, Jennifer Kirby, oboe

Palm Sunday, March 25 – 10 a.m.

Led by Rev. Napoli; Dr. Stamey, organ; Liturgist, Elder Gerrit Heitink; Guest artist, Kayla Mernoff, trumpet

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service

March 29 – 7 p.m. Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30 – 7 p.m. Led by Reverend John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, organ

Easter Sunrise Service, April 1 – 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.

Easter Morning Worship – 10 a.m.

Led by Rev. John Napoli; Dr. Sarah Stamey, organ; Guest artist, Kayla Mernoff, trumpet

Calendar

| ~ February 2018 ~ | | | | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 12:30 Session Retreat | 5 | 6 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study | 7 11:45am Men's Lunch | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship | 12 | 13 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Shrove Tuesday | 14 11:45am Men's Lunch 7pm Ash Wednesday Service | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship | 19 | 20 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service | 21 11:45am Men's Lunch | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship | 26 | 27 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service | 28 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) | | | 5:30pm Self Realization | 5:30pm – Women's Group | 11am Overeaters Anonymous |
| 8pm Campus Group | | | | 8pm Campus Group | | |
| | | | | 7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays) | | |

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