

# Reaching UP

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## Shrove Tuesday a Great Celebration of Food, Fun and Fellowship — Again!



UPC's second Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was held February 13 in Fellowship Hall. Admission was free with donations requested to benefit UPC's Camp Pyoca Scholarships. Over 80 people were in attendance and an amazing \$395 was raised! Reverend John Napoli was the official host and pancake flipper! Linda Brown, Michelle Heitink, Judie Iverson, Virginia McCartney, Lou Malcomb, Colleen Swanson and Caroline Worden assisted the pastor in the kitchen. Pastor John, Allen Pease and Stephanie Worden decorated Fellowship Hall Madre Gras style and the Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band provided the music. It was

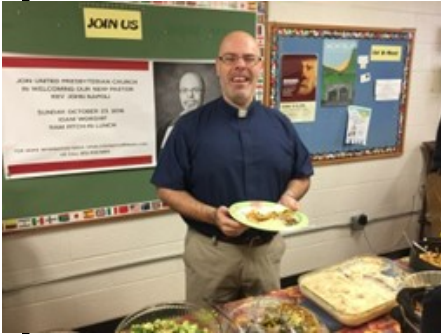
all topped off by a dessert table created by Colleen and Virginia. Guests enjoyed sausage and their choice of plain, chocolate chip, blueberry or gluten free pancakes. Highlight of the evening was the traditional King Cake baked from scratch by budding baker Caroline Worden and her Mom Stephanie. Souheil Haddad found the baby in the cake which won him a two-piece luggage set! All agreed that this was as much fun as the first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner last year and that we'll do it again next year!



Melanie, Darian and Stephanie had a good time (at left) while Linda improvised a Mardi Gras mask as she had pancakes with husband Tom. Allen, Sue and Bob loaded their plates up with at least one each of the kinds of pancakes offered. A huge thank you goes to all the folks who made this year's Shrove Tuesday celebration such a success. We also thank Souheil Haddad for taking these great photos!



## From the Pastor's Pen ...



It feels like yesterday that we turned our calendars to the month of February, as we now are turning the page to March. There is no more Dixieland music, and the ashes have long worn off. We are well into the Season of Lent...the area that I refer to as "the long stretch." Ash Wednesday is a distant memory, and we are still about a month away from Easter Sunday. It is the time where fasting can become a true chore. But, take comfort that we are not alone, as we are all traveling through this wilderness together...and United Presbyterian is here to assist!

Come, and spend some time in one of our three weekly studies. Come, and spend some time with us during our Tuesday Lenten meditation services. Come, and spend some time with us Sunday mornings as we worship and fellowship in the presence of Christ. And come, and spend some time with us as we break bread on Maundy Thursday and experience the loss of our Light on Good Friday. Fasting can be a difficult exercise...it takes great patience, and great dedication. It is good that we don't have to do it alone. Lean on each other, lean on your church, and lean on Christ.

Peace and Grace to you throughout this Lenten Season,

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@andyhill.us](mailto:andy@andyhill.us)

### Nursery Attendant

We are needing volunteers to staff the nursery from 9a-11a immediately. Please let Melanie know if you are interested at [susieq\\_msm@yahoo.com](mailto:susieq_msm@yahoo.com).

### 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 Melanie Mathis-McBride at [susieq\\_msm@yahoo.com](mailto:susieq_msm@yahoo.com)

### 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.

## Scout Sunday Observed at UPC

Originally planned to be observed on Sunday, February 11, bad weather and ice caused the cancellation of that service. So, honoring the Cub, Brownie, Boy and Girls Scouts of UPC was done on February 18.



Brownie Caroline Worden and Cub Scout Logan Worden received the day's offering and brought it forward to be blessed by Reverend Napoli. As part of the service, Den Mother Stephanie Worden was happy to present the Cub Scouts God and Family Award to her son Logan. He had worked extensively throughout the previous summer with Reverend Napoli to complete the various steps to earn the award. Thanks to Souheil Haddad for these photos.



## March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mar 7 Leina Joseph  
Mar 8 Michelle Heitink  
Mar 10 Bob & Sue Lorimer Anniversary  
Mar 10 Juliana Spir

Mar 16 Deborah Heitink  
Mar 23 Rachel & Joe Loop Anniversary  
Mar 30 Travis Bauer

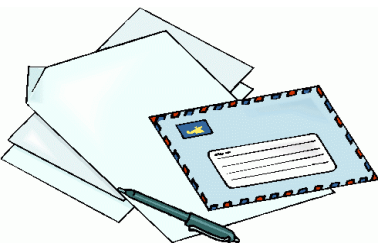


## Financial Report

We're off to a good start for the new-year. As of the end of January, we are \$10,549.94 to the good. Our January income was \$22,851.50 and our expenses were \$12,301.56. The expenses are typical, but the income is much higher than usual due to one-time annual donations on the part of some members. This surplus is encouraging, but historically, we know that it will be depleted within a few months.

Don Root





## We Get Letters!

Send letters to Reaching U.P. c/o UPC, 1701 E. 2nd, Bloomington, IN 47401 or email [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com)

Dear UPC,

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day,  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

By the family of,  
Mrs. Roberta L. McCloud  
[Mother of Stephanie Worden]

Pastor Napoli,

I want to thank your congregation for the many cards and messages I have received since the passing of my wife, Roberta (Stephanie Worden's mother) on January 5.  
We are separated by several miles, but I feel very close to them.

James McCloud

To the Congregation of United Presbyterian Church,

First Presbyterian Church of Columbus sends this note to encourage you and to let you know we're thinking of you. From all your FPC of Columbus friends.

Blessings,

Jan & Roger, Margarita Tuck, Pauline, Ray Gass, Cara B., Ann James, Jim & Diana, Merry V., Kerry & Sharon Noris, Alan Kilbanger, Diane Sprunger and Edith Zeigler

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*United Presbyterian Church*  
*The Remaining Weeks of Lent*

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

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

**Tuesday, March 6 – 7 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tuesday, March 20 – 7 p.m.**

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

Guest artist, Jennifer Kirby, oboe



**Palm Sunday, March 25 – 10 a.m.**

Led by Rev. Napoli; Dr. Sarah 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 Stamey, organ

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 30 – 7 p.m.**

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

**Easter Sunrise Service, April 1 – 8 a.m.**

**Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.**

Fellowship Hall

**Easter Morning Worship – 10 a.m.**

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

## 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. 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 Melanie Mathis-McBride ([susieq\\_msm@yahoo.com](mailto:susieq_msm@yahoo.com)).



It's that time again.....

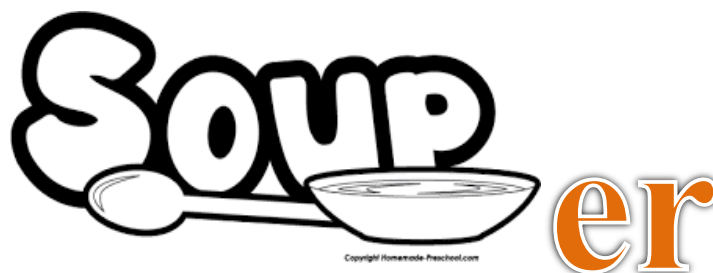
**Summer Camp Time**

**Grades 2 – 2018 Grads**

**Visit [Pyoca.org](http://Pyoca.org) to register online**

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





# Gameday And



Please come enjoy a bowl of soup, bring your favorite board game and bid on a dessert.  
Immediately following Worship Service on  
**Sunday, March 25, 2018.**  
Come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship, while helping send our  
UPC Youth to camp PYOCA.

# Calendar

~ March 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> <b>Communion/ Deacons Sunday</b> 8:45am Pastor's Class 9:15am Choir practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	5	<b>6</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	<b>7</b> 11:45am Men's Lunch	8	9	10
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<b>18</b> 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and Pi Day	19	<b>20</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	<b>21</b> 11:45am Men's Lunch 6:30pm Session	22	23	24
<b>25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:45am Pastor's Class 9:15am Choir practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and Souper Game Day	26	<b>27</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	28	<b>29</b> 7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service	<b>30</b> 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service	31

## 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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