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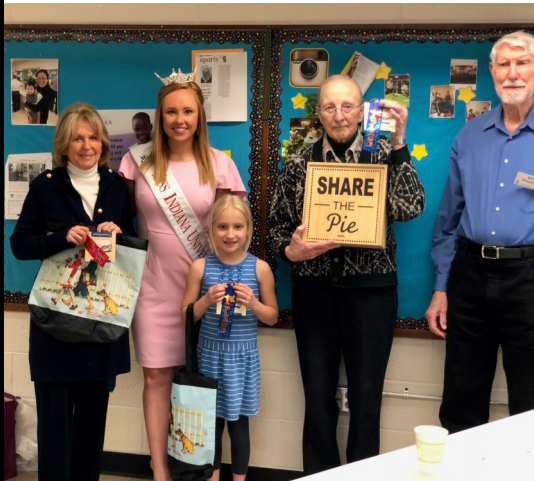
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Tastiest Pie winners at Celebrating Pi with Pie!

For the past three years, UPC has had a lot of fun presenting a Celebrate Pi with Pie Fellowship Hour after the Sunday morning worship service nearest March 14. Each year a Grand Pie Buffet is featured made up of home-made and store bought pies donated by friends and members of the church.

The fun was expanded this year by adding a Tastiest Pie Contest. Only home-made pies were considered by a two member panel of judges. Our own renowned mathematician Dr. Billy Rhoades and 2018 Miss IU Sophia Padgett judged the pies. UPC's event coordinator Allen Pease introduced the judges and announced that seven pies had been entered. Before the judging began, Dr. Rhoades presented a brief, humorous true story about the Indiana legislature's brush with *Pi* in the Nineteenth Century.



← Tastiest Pie Contest Second Place winner Colleen (left), Miss IU Sophia, First Place winner Bob and judge Dr. Billy. In front is Junior Division First Place winner Caroline.

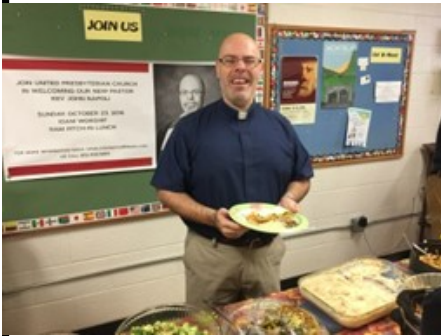
Caroline shows her First Place Junior Division Blue Ribbon and the prizes she won. With her are Miss IU Sophia Padgett and Dr. Billy Rhoades. ➔



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From the Pastor's Pen ...



"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body." (Luke 24:1-3 NRSV)

Life is full of anxious moments...moments like, studying for exams, preparing one's taxes, or unexpected phone calls. Moments that can create stress and cause unease within our lives. When we think back to that first Easter morning it was not one of celebration, but one of stress.

The empty tomb was a place of initial anxiety for the women. But, the empty tomb is just part of the Easter experience...much like many of the moments that add stress to our lives today. The Easter story must culminate with the encounter of the risen Christ, because that is the reason for our hope as Christians.

"The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5 NRSV)

This is the basis for our eternal hope, the reason that we gather to worship and fellowship, the reason for the church, the gift of eternal life. This Easter Season allow yourselves to celebrate the entirety of the Easter moment...celebrate and be at peace and know with all the confidence of God's children that our Lord has risen! He has risen indeed!

Have a blessed and joyous Easter Season,

Reverend 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 Melanie know if you are interested at 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

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.

(Continued from page 1) Tastiest Pie Winners at Pi for Pie

Bob Lorimer won the Tastiest Pie First Place Blue Ribbon for his brown sugar rhubarb pie and Colleen Swanson won the Tastiest Pie Second Place Red Ribbon for her coconut crème pie. Caroline Worden won the Tastiest Pie Junior Division First Place Blue Ribbon for her lemon meringue pie. She's a third grader at Edgewood Intermediate School in Ellettsville. Along with his blue ribbon, Bob also won a pie safe and a UPC 175th Anniversary commemorative coaster. Colleen and Caroline took home a Saturday Evening Post tote bag and coaster with their ribbons.

Billy, a longtime member of United Presbyterian, is an internationally acclaimed mathematician, a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Indiana University and is known as a lover of pies.

Sophia is a junior at IU, a resident of Bloomington and product of the Monroe Count Community School Corporation. She's majoring in Epidemiology with a concentration in Pre-Medicine. She serves as an IU Campus Tour Guide, is a mentor in the Big Brother's Big Sister's program, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and the Hospital Relations Committee of Indiana University Dance Marathon and is an ambassador for Children's Miracle Network in support of Riley Hospital for Children. She'll compete for the Miss Indiana title in Zionsville this June.

After the judging, the contestant pies were added to the Grand Pie Buffet. There were 14 to 15 pies including everything from apple to quiche. Judie Iverson and Lou Malcomb did a lot of pie slicing!

Upcoming Music Events

April 7 at 5 p.m.	Breanne Johnson Junior Recital, Voice	UPC Sanctuary
April 14 at Noon	IU Harp Studio Recital	UPC Sanctuary
April 23 at 7 p.m.	Skye Kinlaw Violin Recital	Jacobs School of Music Recital Hall on the first floor of Merrill Hall at 1201 E. Third. Ms. Kinlaw has recently shared her gift of violin performance with UPC.
April 24 at 7 p.m.	Agatha Blevin Violin Recital	UPC Sanctuary

April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Apr 3 Stephanie Worden	Apr 12 Cynthia Bauer	Apr 25 Lance & Karen Like Anniversary
Apr 5 Tareq Hanania	Apr 13 Mitch Coggin	Apr 25 Elfrida Bauer
Apr 6 Jan Berend Heitink	Apr 14 Lissette Spir	Apr 27 Linda Coggin
Apr 7 Colleen Swanson	Apr 15 Noah Like	Apr 30 Steven Junken, Johnny Napoli
Apr 11 Cathy Junken	Apr 17 Jesse McBride	
Apr 12 Bill Worden	Apr 20 Rachel Loop	

Financial Report

Contributions lagged expenses in February. We took in \$9,996.55 and our expenses were \$14,248.31 giving us a net cash flow of negative \$4,251.76 for February. We're still in positive territory for the year to date at \$6,298.18. Having to cancel church one Sunday because of bad weather hurt us some. Income for February included \$300 collected during the Souper Bowl for the Community Kitchen and \$393 contributed at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to be used for youth activities.

It's that time of year again, when we ask those who are able to pay their per-capita. The amount for 2018 is \$36 per member.

Don Root

In Memoriam

Peggy Jean Stephens Watson
October 14, 1924 – February 15, 2018



Peggy Watson, 93, a lifelong Monroe County resident and for more than 50 years one of Bloomington's leading Realtors, died at her home Thursday, February 15.

Peggy Jean Stephens Watson grew up in the automobile world. Her father was the founder and head of Harry Stephens Oldsmobile in Bloomington, and she and her three siblings – sisters Dorothy Mae and Joan and brother Harry Jr. – were introduced to sales and customer relations as children in their father's automobile showrooms.

Later, she joined her brother's insurance and real estate agency, then went into business herself as a Realtor in 1956, just 31 at the time. It's questionable whether any individual sold more Bloomington and Monroe County houses than she did from then up to her retirement at 85.

Peggy was born Oct. 14, 1924, in Bloomington to Harry M. and Carrie E. (Butcher) Stephens. She married Darlo Rush and they were the parents of three children: sons Steven and James and daughter Jill Ann. Her second marriage was to Chester Watson. Her parents, her siblings, her husbands and her three children all preceded her in death. She and sister Joan were particularly close; Joan, in failing health her last several years, lived those years with Peggy in her Bloomington home before dying at 90 three months ago. Peggy's death came on what would have been Joan's 91st birthday.

Survivors include grandson Casey (Abbie) Hamilton and their children Lane and Colter of Cainsville, MO., granddaughter Nikkie (Cory) Holtwick and their children Ava and Drake of Kansas City, Mo., niece Jane Johnson and her children Kathy (Tom) Higgins, Thomas, and David of Bloomington, and special friends Tom, Beth, and Kaianne Mooradian.

In business and in her private life, Peggy was beloved as a caring "people person," known for her kindness to her wide circle of friends and generous in her support of community activities, the Bloomington Hospital Foundation, Indiana University (though never a student there), and her church, United Presbyterian of Bloomington where she and her husband Chester became members in 1977. She was active in the affairs of UPC and rarely missed a Sunday morning worship service until 2015 when her mobility curtailed her ability to attend regularly. Even so, she kept in touch by requesting delivery of the Sunday Bulletin and the monthly newsletter "Reaching UP." She was also visited regularly by UPC's pastors and deacons and especially by dear church family friends Bob and Julie Hammel.

Her grandchildren marveled at her spunk and determination: she married at 16 and didn't graduate from high school, but in her mid-50s completed work that gave her a GED.

Peggy frequently expressed her gratitude and love for her own private caregivers, her doctors and, through both her own and Joan's time of great need, the kind people of Bloomington Hospice House.

Services for Peggy were held Monday, February 19 at The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard, 3000 E. Third St. in Bloomington. Rev. John Napoli officiated the service and burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery. The love and respect for Peggy was evident by the large number of mourners who attended the visitation preceding the service as well as the large number at the service.

In Memoriam

The Reverend Sarah Jane Cochran
December 9, 1946 – March 18, 2018

A Hoosier of Scots-Irish and German descent, Pastor Sarah Jane Cochran, 71, died peacefully on St. Patrick's Day, at Hospice House in her beloved Bloomington, Indiana.

Sarah was born December 9, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York, and lived in many places with her family — from North Dakota to Honolulu — as her father, Dr. Robert Cochran, completed his medical training. The family eventually settled in Indiana and Sarah graduated from Muncie Burris before completing her bachelor's degree at Hanover College in Madison on August 31, 1968, with a double major in theology and English.

She received her Master's of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1972, but the Lord works in strange ways . . . upon graduation she could not find work in the church that would have enabled her to become an ordained minister. She then moved to Bloomington and began serving in social work at institutions such as Middle Way House, Southern Indiana Community Action Program and Stone Belt.

Following the footsteps of her mother, Ruth Cochran, Sarah joined Bloomington's United Presbyterian Church in 2001 — and UPC formally sponsored her in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley as she worked to complete her ordination. Thirty-seven years after graduating from seminary, on August 16, 2009, Sarah was ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Prior to ordination for 2½ years and following for four years, she served Vernon Presbyterian Church.

Many establishments in Bloomington will be missing a favorite regular, including the Trojan Horse, Nick's, Mother Bear's and Café Pizzeria. The owner of one of these establishments refused to take money from her or her extended family anytime she ate in his restaurant because he remembered a time earlier in life when he forgot the money he needed to buy a sandwich for his son from Arby's. Not surprising, Sarah, the store manager at the time, covered it. That was her style, always alert to those in need.

Sarah was devoted to God and family, bold in her stand against injustice and accepting of her own challenges in life, which gave many the courage to reframe their approaches to their own troubles. She believed in the gospel of peace and approached those she encountered with nearly unflappable kindness.

After surviving several major heart attacks and surgeries, Sarah died from a blood condition known as myelodysplastic syndrome. Her bone marrow produced too few red, white and platelet blood cells, which affected her oxygen levels, immunity and clotting ability. The family wishes to thank all the staff at IU Hospital and Hospice House for their amazing care.

She is survived by her only child, Reuben Cochran, who is now a ranger in Yosemite National Park (where Sarah loved to visit him). Also surviving: two sisters and two brothers (Bob, Mary, Steve and Emily Cochran), 11 nieces and nephews, plus extended/adopted family from Canada to Korea.

In lieu of flowers, Sarah asked that donations be made to either the Nyaka School (nyakaschool.org), working on behalf of orphans with HIV/AIDS in Uganda, or United Presbyterian Church (UPC can handle donations on behalf of Nyaka, as well).

Nearly 100 people attended a Service of Witness to the Resurrection: A Celebration to the Life of The Reverend Sarah Jane Cochran in the sanctuary of United Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 26. The Reverend John Napoli officiated and Elder Alejandra Haddad presented "Remembering Sarah." Paula Bourne led the gathering in singing "Morning Has Broken" and the celebration was opened with a recording of The Beatles singing "Here Comes the Sun" and closed with the Norman Greenbaum recording of "Spirit in the Sky." All were favorite songs of Sarah.

A reception prepared by the United Presbyterian Deacons and members immediately followed in the church's Fellowship Hall. This extension of the celebration of Sarah's life, including food lovingly prepared by Sarah's church family, lasted past 6 p.m. This, in addition to the large number attending the service, was a testament to how greatly Sarah was loved.



UPC Youth Flower Sale

UPC Youth will be taking orders for flowers in April. Flowers will be available for pick-up at the church on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Order your spring and summer flowers and support our UPC Youth Fundraiser.



Youth in Action (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. This position is critical in creating a calm consistent atmosphere in the nursery.

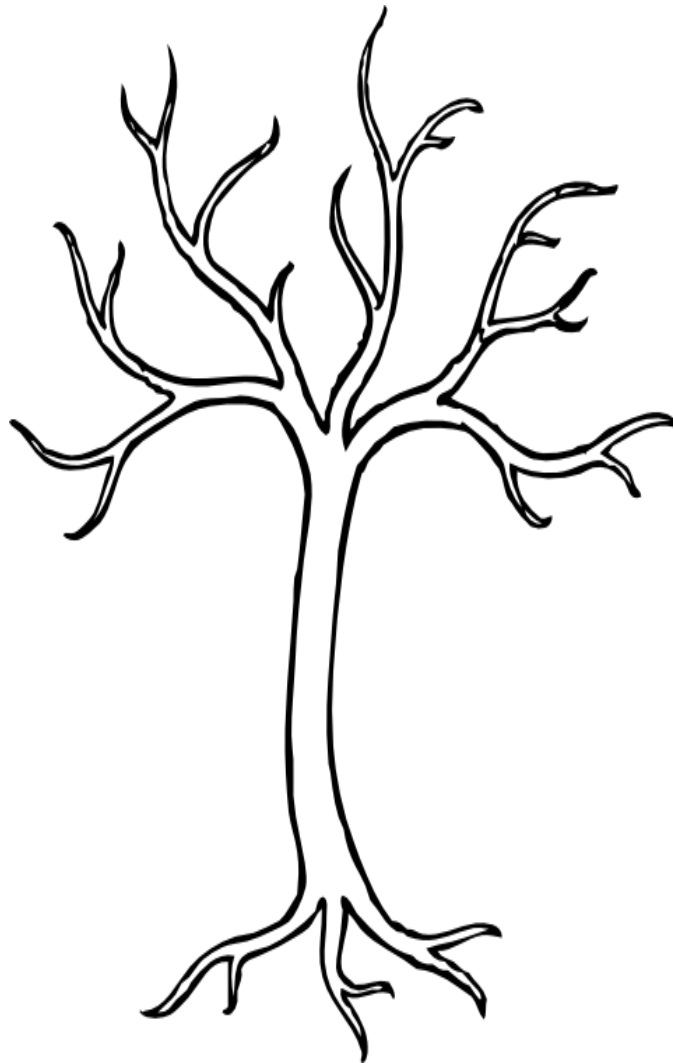
If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved with UPC youth contact Melanie Mathis-McBride (susieq_msm@yahoo.com).

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Make
Beautiful
Leaves
Grow**

Thank You
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nurturing you
all have shown
our
UPC Youth



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Flower Sale

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Soup/Dessert Day

\$1,578.41



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OUR GOALS:

\$25,000

Together, let's add \$25,000 to MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center so MCUM can confront some of these statistics by distributing food, offering individualized self-sufficiency coaching, providing cleaning and hygiene items, and empowering households to reach financial stability.

25,000 LBS

Adding 25,000 pounds of non-perishable foods to our food pantry between March and April will allow us to provide 20 families with 3-months' access to the pantry, providing about 570 meals total.

If you would like to donate to the Hunger Games (MCUM Food Drive) this year please bring non-perishable foods or make a donation in the Teen Room off of fellowship hall. We will collect during the month of April and then donate on April 30th. There is no competition between groups this year only a challenge against hunger, so if you would like to participate, please join UPC youth in this challenge against hunger.



PRESBYTERIAN
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Presbytery of Ohio Valley Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

COMMON STORY, COMMON CAUSE

Ephesians 2: 19 "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are also members of the household of God"



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 am EDT

Lunch cost will be \$8

Charlestown Community Presbyterian Church

1370 Monroe Street, Charlestown, IN

Please bring items for the D.I.A.P.E.R. Project: Infant juice, Cheerios, breakfast buddies, Apple and Pasta pick-ups, baby & toddler food; hooded towels, washcloths, baby blankets, bibs, infant utensils, dishes with suction cups, crib sheets, teethingers, socks up to 4T, toothbrush/toothpaste kits, diapers (size 3 & 4)

Please make reservations by Monday, April 16, 2018

Contact: Donna McCreary, 812-256-2370

mtlincoln@hotmail.com

Calendar

~ April 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8am Sunrise Service 8:30am breakfast 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	2	3 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	4 11:45am Men's Lunch	5	6	7 5pm Breanne Johnson Junior Recital
8 8:45am Pastor's Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	9	10 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	11 11:45am Men's Lunch	12	13	14 12pm IU Harp Studio Recital
15 8:45am Pastor's Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	16	17 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	18 11:45am Men's Lunch	19	20	21
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29 8:45am Pastor's Class 9:15am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	30	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)			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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