

Reaching UP

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2018 Miss Indiana visits UPC

Haley Begay, an Indiana University sophomore, went to the Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant in Zionsville last June and won the Miss Indiana title! She then com-



peted in the iconic Miss America Scholarship Pageant on national television last September in Atlantic City. For her talent competition at Miss Indiana and Miss America, she sang "Hallelujah!"

The Worship Team invited Haley to come to United Presbyterian on April 15 to share her gift of music with us during our morning worship service. She beautifully sang "Rise Up" during our offertory.

After the service, Haley donned her Miss Indiana sash and crown and joined us in Fellowship Hall for good food and fine fellowship and, thanks to this great photo taken by Souheil Haddad, we see her here with Reverend Napoli. She was presented with a coaster commemorating UPC's 175th anniversary and enjoyed almost an hour of chatting with various UPC friends and members while sharing snacks.

Haley is one quarter Navajo, one quarter Cherokee and one half Anglo and the first Native American to win the Miss Indiana title. At 19 years old, she's one of the youngest Miss Indiana's in the pageant's history. She hails from Pittsboro, Indiana and is majoring in journalism and Spanish. She's serious and passionate about her Platform Issue: Don't Silence the Violence: A Voice for Children of Domestic Violence. The scholarships she's won competing in the Miss America Organization are helping her to achieve her scholastic ambition of obtaining a Masters in Journalism and Spanish upon completion of her undergraduate work.

Haley returns to Zionsville next month to give up her title and to crown the next Miss Indiana. For decades, the Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant has been held in June as an official preliminary to the Miss America Scholarship Pageant held each September.



From the Pastor's Pen ...



It is cold...it is warm, the chill clings...but the sun shines. Even though winter is bitterly fighting to stick around, it is clear that the warm air of spring is breaking through. Trees and flowers are blooming and bees are zipping around. Robert Frost so beautifully describes spring in his poem *A Prayer in Spring*. A poem that implores the hearer to enjoy spring as they will enjoy the harvest later in the fall.

A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

Robert Frost (1874-1963)

So, go outside and enjoy all of God's creation that the spring brings.

Have a blessed spring,

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

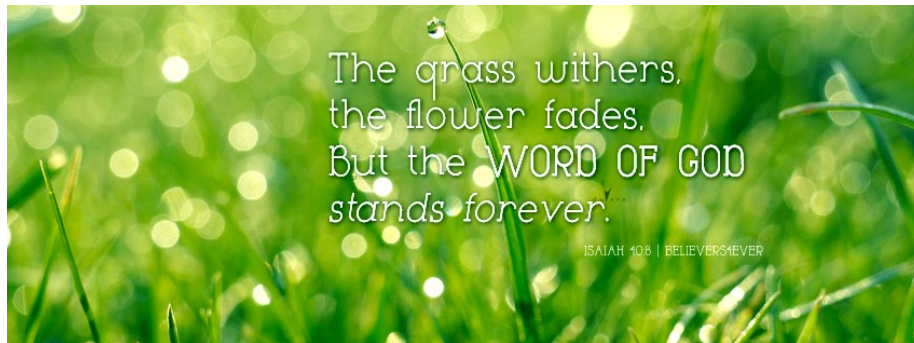
Nursery Attendant

We are needing volunteers to staff the nursery from 9:45a-11a immediately. Please let Melanie know if you are interested at susieq_msm@yahoo.com.

Cherished Memories



Though we're deep in sorrow since we've lost the physical Reverend Sarah Cochran (December 9, 1946—March 17, 2018), we realize that we have many, many cherished memories of her time with us. Let us dwell on those cherished memories. The perfect illustration of one of these cherished memories is shown in this photo. We see our beloved Reverend Cochran and The Reverend John Napoli at the annual UPC Christmas party and dinner in the Bloomington home of hosts Souheil and Alejandra Haddad in 2016. Sarah is beaming as she stands next to Pastor John knowing that she is surrounded by her church family.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 6 Alyssa Parke
May 9 Travis and Elfrida Bauer Anniversary
May 14 Fuad Haddad
May 15 Don and Anne Root Anniversary

May 15 Terry Simpson
May 19 Sue Lorimer
May 22 Miriam Michael

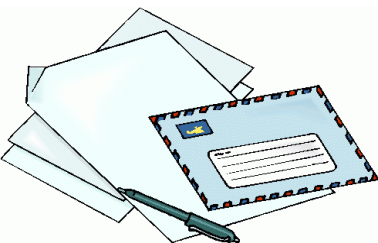


Financial Report

Contributions lagged expenses again in March. We took in \$11,980.50 and our expenses were \$14,383.61 giving us a net cash flow of negative \$2,403.11 for March. We're still in positive territory for the year to date at \$3,895.07. \$1538 of our March income was from the youth fund raiser. The flower sale coming up in May will give us another opportunity to help give all of our young people the Camp PYOCA experience.

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



We Get Letters!

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

Pastor John and United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for helping to provide lunch for the Hiram College students! A good meal and delicious dessert really is the perfect boost for our volunteers during the build and we appreciate all the time and love that went into preparing those dishes! Thank you for Supporting Habitat!

Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers

Dear UPC,

The Saturday Morning Overeaters Anonymous Group deeply appreciates the use of Room M/N. Thank you.

OA Treasurer

Note: A donation to UPC was included with the letter.

To Peggy's Church Family,

Thank you!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you sent to the service. Thank you for always taking great care of Peggy. We truly appreciated your kindness. Thanks again.

The family of Peggy Watson

United Presbyterian Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In my sermon to the Assembly on March 1, I mentioned that I would be sending each congregation in our presbytery a five-dollar gift for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. While it's a small amount per congregation, the gift adds up to a lot, much as the nickels, dimes, quarters and pennies that children collect in their fish banks.

If your congregation did not receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this year, feel free to use the gift for another good cause of your choosing.

With this gift come my deepest prayers for your congregation's life and ministry. If you have any special prayer request, don't hesitate to let me know.

Peace and all good,

Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter



UPC Youth Flower Sale

UPC Youth had a successful flower sale in April. Flowers are available for pickup. If you didn't order this time, there are extras available for purchase. Thanks to everyone who helped support our UPC Youth!



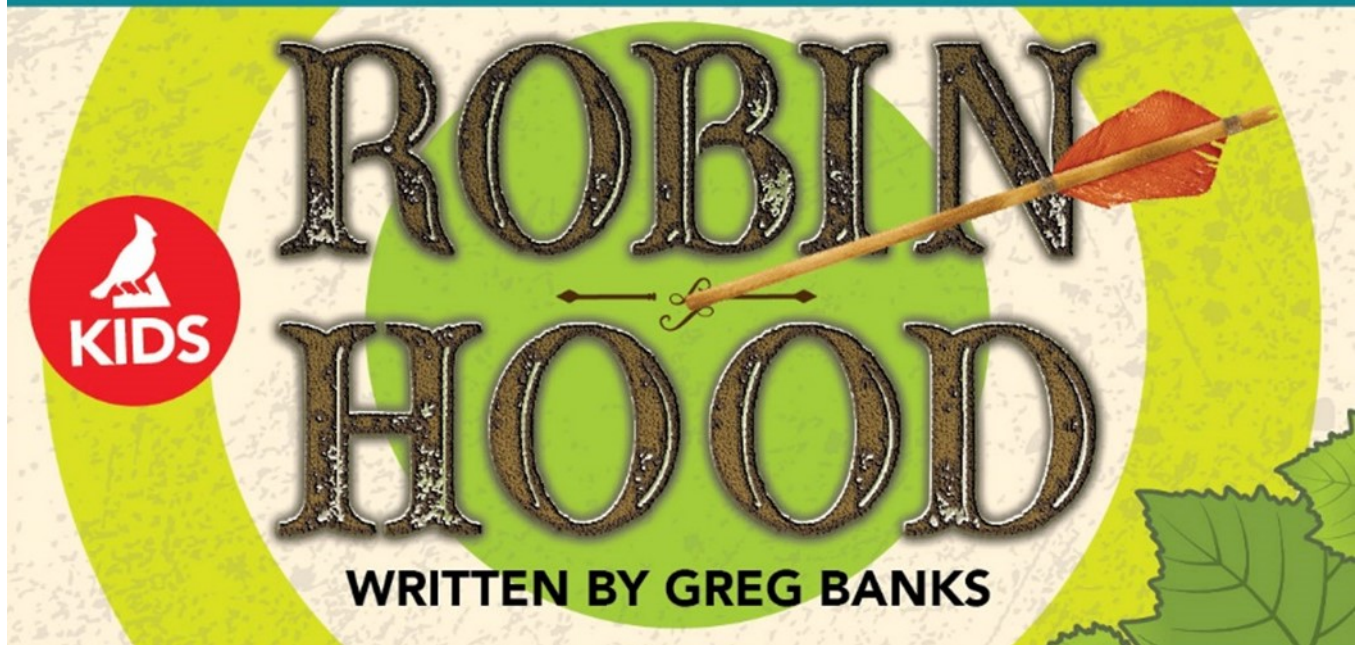
Youth in Action (everyone is invited to join)

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).

MAY 4 - 20 AT THE IVY TECH WALDRON AUDITORIUM



UPC THEATRE OUTING

And

SHERWOOD FOREST COOK OUT & PITCH-IN!

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Immediately after morning worship
Fellowship Hour will be transformed into a
Sherwood Forest Cook-Out and Pitch-In!

Everyone is Welcome!

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled outdoors in the forest (actually, the UPC parking lot)

Beverages and utensils will be provided. Folks are asked to pitch-in with:

Salads, side dishes and desserts

Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall

THEN

For those who want to continue the Sherwood Forest theme . . .

Cardinal Stage Company's Family friendly

Robin Hood

at Ivy Tech Waldron Auditorium

1 P.M. MATINEE

Step into Sherwood Forest with this action-packed adventure in their fight for equality and justice, Robin Hood, Maid Marian and their gang use every trick in the book to outsmart the evil Prince John and Sheriff of Nottingham. This twist on the classic tale appeals to children, teens and adults.

Special Discounts for UPC:

12 & under \$12.95 reduced to \$9.95; Students \$13.95 reduced to \$10.95; Adults \$21.95 reduced to \$17.95

To sign up for tickets see Allen in Fellowship Hall on Sunday or the Church Office weekdays

Calendar

~ May 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	2 11:45am Men's Lunch	3	4	5
6 Communion/Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship/Muffins for Moms	7	8 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	9 11:45am Men's Lunch	10	11	12
13 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	14	15 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	16 11:45am Men's Lunch	17	18	19
20 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship/Pitch-in 1pm Robin Hood	21	22 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	23 11:45am Men's Lunch	24	25	26 3pm John Gibson guitar concert
27 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	28	29 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	30 11:45am Men's Lunch	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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