

# Reaching UP

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## SOUPER KITCHEN CLEAN UP!



Bob Lorimer mopping up as the last step of UPC's Souper Kitchen Clean Up!

Thanks to all who helped with Souper Kitchen Clean Up after worship on October 28. Bob and Sue Lorimer, Michelle Heitink, Judie Iverson, Karen Like, Patrick Nyarko and his daughters Christabel, Glenda and Nelda and Lou Malcomb worked until almost 3:30 p.m. on taking things out of the cabinets, cleaning the cabinets and counters, then sorting all of the dinnerware, glassware and utensils, then, organizing and putting everything back.

No one could remember when this was last done.

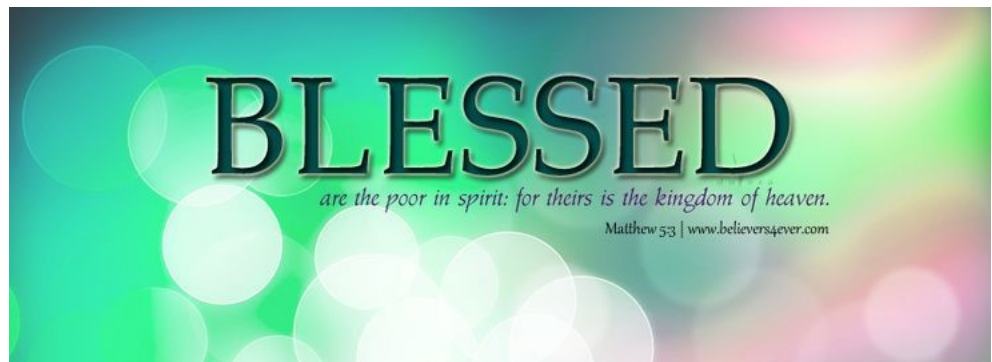
We identified things which might be put in an auction or disposed of because they were no longer needed or we had too many. Left over is a large variety of glasses, plates, saucers and cups (probably over 100) which could be re-used in some way or donated.

Lou will discuss with others and handle all this surplus glassware and chinaware. She plans to work on the pantry and perhaps plan a Pantry Clean Up at another time.

We also thank all those who brought soup and the other fine refreshments for the Fellowship Hour.

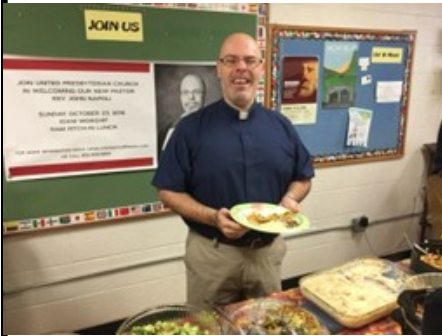
The entire event was a success in food, fun and fellowship as well as in meeting the major goal of the event — getting hard work done!

Let's all cheer for having a CLEAN KITCHEN!





## From the Pastor's Pen ...



As we turn another page of our calendars we welcome the month of November. A month where many of us become mindful of giving thanks. Whether for our families, our homes, our nation, our blessings, or the turkey and trimmings...there is a great deal that we can be thankful for. But, being grateful for our own gifts and needs is only part of being thankful. There are many within our community that have needs that need to be met...especially as our temperatures continue to drop. So, as a community of faith we need to become more active, as the needs to serve becomes greater. Consider volunteering some time at the Winter Shelter, donating food and time to either MCUM, or the Hoosier Hills Food bank, and start collecting hats and gloves for our

annual collection. Because, the only thing that limits our service is our own imagination and time. So, during this season of thanks, let us all find ways to help our neighbors, and let us be thankful that our Lord calls us to love and to serve.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all,

Pastor John Napoli

### ***Sock It To Me Campaign a Slam Dunk!!!***

Report from Elder Eydie Peacher



The Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter at Wheeler Mission noted that socks would be needed for winter guests. To meet that need, the entire month of October was designated ***Sock It To Me Month*** at UPC.

A hamper was placed in the Narthex throughout the month for UPC friends and members to deposit sock donations. To kick it off, Linda Brown made a pair of *sock cakes* for Fellowship Hour the first Sunday in October.

We had an amazing response!

We had to add a second hamper!

We collected 233 pair of socks! Wow!

47 will go to the Women's Shelter, 186 to the Men's. In addition, Lou Malcomb's friend donated a bag of lovely, hand-knitted wool hats and mittens which I will also be delivering to the Women's Shelter. Can you imagine how grateful these folks will be for these warm, clean basic necessities this winter!

**WAY TO GO UPC!!**

### **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).

## 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 have lost one of our volunteers in the nursery.** If anyone has a passion to share their talent in this particular service of our church, it would be 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](mailto:susieq_msm@yahoo.com)).

## Sunday School / Nursery Schedule

Date	Pre-K – 6th Grade	Teen	Nursery
November 4	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
November 11	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Michelle Heitink	Sookyoung Kim
November 18	Aline Haddad	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
November 25	Karen Like	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries



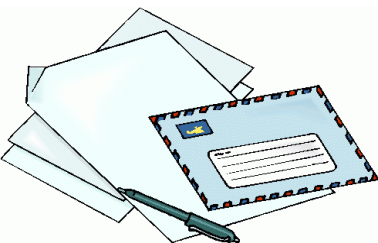
Nov 2 Raja and Rula Hanania Anniversary  
Nov 10 Nelda Nyarko  
Nov 14 Gerrit Heitink



## Financial Report

Our income barely covered expenses last month. We took in \$12,783.50 and our expenses were \$12,306.85, giving us a net cash flow of \$476.65 for September. This reduces our deficit slightly. We are now at negative \$13,651.42 for the year to date.

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)

To UPC,

Enclosed is a donation from the Biscuits & Gravy Boys AA Group for allowing us to use Fellowship Hall Saturday mornings.

Thank you.

B&GB Treasurer

[NOTE: A donation of \$50 was enclosed. This is a new group to UPC who began using our facility the first Sunday in October]

### Poinsettia Display Tradition with a 2018 Change!

The Worship Team is again arranging United Presbyterian's Advent Poinsettia Display. Because Poinsettia's so beautifully enhance the sanctuary Christmas decorations, a display of these seasonal flowers has been placed year after year. The Poinsettia Display has become a tradition at UPC and is very much an integral part of our Advent celebration of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Friends and members are invited to sponsor one or more Poinsettia's. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Poinsettia sponsors may dedicate their flowers to loved ones or designate them as a memorial.

For 2018, we've partnered with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra to bring very high quality plants to the UPC Sanctuary. This has been a major fund raiser for the Symphony for decades and is annually successful because of the quality of the Poinsettias. This partnership also allows us a choice of colors as noted below. Sign up soon as we have only 20 plants reserved. The cost is \$15 per pot.

Sponsors may make payments to Allen Pease during Fellowship Hour or in the church office during the week.



Choice 1: Festive Red

The Worship Committee reminds Poinsettia sponsors that they may take their flower(s) with them immediately after the UPC 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Circle of Light Service with the gratitude of the entire congregation.

Last day to sign up is Sunday, November 25. The Poinsettia Display will be in place the first Sunday of Advent—December 2.



Choice 2: Winter White



## ***Fifth Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction a Success!***

UPC's Worship Team hosted the fifth annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on Wednesday, October 24 to benefit UPC's Music Guest Artist Program and UPC Youth Activities. It was a success from the standpoint of fun as well as fundraising!

Pastor Napoli and Christian Ed Team Chair Melanie were the chefs and they did an awesome job with the marinara sauce, meat sauce (dynamite!) and the Fettuccini Alfredo, not to mention the tasty garlic bread!



Melanie, Pastor John, Fadi, Karen & Thomas prep!

Many members donated homemade desserts—some traditional and some unique and all delicious. Dinner and dessert was happily consumed by 40 adults and teens and one child. Ticket sales brought in \$388.

Many had a lot of fun with the silent auction. There were several excellent packages including a theater and overnight stay package that also included breakfast for two donated jointly by Cardinal Stage Company, Hilton Garden Inn and Coaches Restaurant. Another package was the two book set of biographies on Bill Cook authored by Bob Hammel. He autographed both books



An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the good food and fine fellowship.

for the very happy highest bidder, Virginia McCarthy. Also in the auction was a Lou Malcomb home made pumpkin pie and three hand carved Jack O'Lanterns from UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins. Benjamin also offered a private home recital for bids. Many



And then there's the clean up!

friends and members of UPC donated enticing items ranging from art prints to posters to books to collectibles to Christmas centerpieces to home décor to tableware. These wonderful donations are why the auction brought in a whooping \$580!

Adding to the ticket sales and auction were donations made in advance and at the door of \$77. Preliminary audit shows combined income of \$1,045. Expenses are currently under \$175 due to the hard work of Pastor Napoli, his wife Sarah and Darian and Melanie Mathis-McBride.

So, we know we'll be splitting a little more than \$1,000 between the music and the youth. It may even be better after the final audit—some folks still need to turn in receipts and others will be sending in donations or finalizing their bids for Silent Auction items. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 11—see any member of the Worship Team: Alejandra Haddad, Souheil Haddad, Allen Pease, Benjamin Watkins or Stephanie Worden.

## Annual Haddad Christmas Dinner

It's a sure sign that Christmas is coming when the Haddad's make their annual announcement! Once again, the gracious Alejandra and Souheil Haddad will open their home for fellowship and Christmas Dinner on December 1 at 6 p.m. It's a time for friends and members of UPC to gather and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Put this on your calendar now to make sure you don't accidentally schedule something else on December 1.



The Lorimer's had a great time at last year's Haddad Christmas Dinner & Party here with Alejandra!.

After nearly twenty five years of hosting this event, the annual Haddad Christmas Party is certainly no less than a Christmas tradition for friends and members of UPC. It's the perfect event to help prepare our hearts and minds for the joys of Advent.

All we have to do is show up!  
And eat! And laugh! And sing!

It's an act of love from their entire family and that's why it's such a joyous event. Don't miss it!



Souheil and Alejandra live at 400 E. Clover Lane on Bloomington's north

## 2018 Hat & Mitten Tree!

The Hat & Mitten Tree, a long-time tradition at UPC, will be up and ready in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 11. Everyone is invited to decorate it donating winter gear each Sunday through November 25. UPC friends and members are urged to festoon the tree with . . .



hats,  
mittens,  
gloves,  
earmuffs,  
head scarves  
and neck scarves

in *child and teen sizes* during the time the tree is up. These 'decorations' will then be taken to Monroe County United Ministries on November 26 for distribution in time for Christmas to Monroe County children and teens in need. Let's make this the best hat and mitten tree ever—bring your donations and hang them!

Again this year, Stephanie Worden has volunteered to shop for winter gear if you don't have the time. Simply bring a check or cash to the church office or give it to Stephanie or Allen during a Sunday Fellowship Hour and she'll do the shopping for you.

## Eastside Neighborhood Association Update

### Transportation Plan Meeting Minutes.

Roughly 40 people attended a meeting at the ECC at 6pm on Thursday, Oct. 25.

The meeting was organized by Eastside residents Carole MacKay and Janet Dunigan. Carole introduced speakers Terri Porter, Director of Planning and Transportation for the City of Bloomington, and Dave Rollo, our City Councilman. Terri began by explaining that the Transportation Plan comes on the heels of the City's new Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in March 2018—the first comprehensive plan in 16 years. The State of Indiana requires the City to have a transportation plan, but it was the City's choice to create a plan that combines a vision for cars, bikes, and pedestrians. A group of consultants, Toole Design Group, was contracted to draft the plan with input from citizens and from City government.

Carwina Weng of the ENA facilitated questions and comments from neighbors. The first major concern raised by neighbors was the proposed “new connector” (extension) of Hunter Avenue from High Street to College Mall Rd. Many neighbors expressed concern over potential accidents at the Hunter/High St. intersection and the prospect of increased traffic on Hunter in the neighborhood. Dave Rollo reported that his understanding, from speaking with the City engineering department, was that this new connection would only be considered if at some point in the future the properties between High St. and College Mall Rd. were redeveloped. He acknowledged that this was highly unlikely and so that this new connection was basically a “concept” from the consultants. The question was raised whether such a concept even belonged in the plan if it was broadly agreed to be undesirable.

Neighbors were also concerned about the proposal to designate Hunter as “neighborhood greenway” all the way west to Smith Ave. Most of the concerns were about whether this would involve modifications to the street. Residents were especially concerned about any widening of the street. Neighbors also opposed connecting Hunter from Eastside to Mitchell (the current “pocket park.”) It was not clear from the Plan, and Terri Porter was not sure, whether the greenway designation would demand or suggest either of these changes. Others commented that Hunter was a poor prospect for a greenway because it is hillier than either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> St. However, Hunter Ave. is already designated as a “signed bike route” on the [City Bicycle Map](#). Therefore, future discussion should make clear what, if anything, would change if Hunter were designated as a neighborhood greenway.

Finally, neighbors raised concerns about pedestrian safety at two main points in the neighborhood: crossing 3<sup>rd</sup> street near Rose Ave. (the nearest pedestrian crossings are at High St. and at Mitchell), and on 2<sup>nd</sup> street between Clifton and High St. Neighbors would like to see these concerns addressed by Engineering, City Council, or as part of the Transportation Plan.

[NOTE: Hunter is the street that runs behind UPC. Citizens wanting to encourage changes to the Transportation Plan had until 3pm October 31 to submit an online form]

### Rogers-Binford Playground Fundraiser

From neighbor Molly O'Donnell:

The Rogers/Binford Elementary School kids are holding a fundraiser for a new playground at their school. Since kids in our neighborhood, like our granddaughter, may use it after hours, I thought neighbors might be interested in helping out. They can donate as little as \$1.00 toward their goal. Donations may be made online at: <https://funrun.boosterthon.com/a/s/oGUUxIx4>

# Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> <b>Communion/</b> <b>Deacons Sunday</b> 8:45am Pastor's Class 9am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship, Communicants' Class	5	<b>6</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	<b>7</b> 11:45am Men's Lunch	8	9	10
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<b>25</b> 8:45am Pastor's Class 9am Choir Practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship, Hanging of Greens	26	<b>27</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	<b>28</b> 11:45am Men's Lunch	29	30	

## 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	9am-12pm Biscuits and Gravy Boys
8pm Campus Group				8pm Campus Group		11am Overeaters Anonymous
				7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays)		

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