

Reaching UP

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Presentation of Confirmation Class of 2019

Sunday, January 13 was an exciting day for friends and members of UPC and three of the church's young people. The morning worship service



included the Confirmation Class of 2019 being presented and confirmed. Christabel Nyarko, Glenda Nyarko, and Logan Worden were presented by Reverend John Napoli and Clerk of Session Don Root.



It was affirmed that Christabel, Glenda and Logan had successfully completed four months of careful and intense study under the direction of Reverend Napoli and UPC Christian Ed Team Chair Melanie Mathis McBride. After being formally presented to the congregation, the three young people were confirmed by Reverend Napoli and UPC Clerk of Session and Elder Root. Their parents, Patrick and Agatha Nyarko and Bill and Stephanie Worden were in attendance.

After the service was completed, celebration and fellowship followed with refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

A special cake was presented to the youth by Melanie Mathis McBride and many UPC friends gave them cards of congratulations.



Glenda, Logan and Christabel



The Confirmation Cake



From the Pastor's Pen ...



Here at United Presbyterian Church the month of February means more than just candy hearts and chocolates. Not that there is anything wrong about celebrating St. Valentine's Day with the consumption of tasty treats. But, as we await the month of March with Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Season of Lent, we are preparing to celebrate our Scottish Heritage on the last Sunday of February. This means we will be celebrating the Kirkin of the Tartans as well as welcoming back Angus to aid in worship by playing the bagpipes. We will continue our celebration in our Fellowship Hall after worship with Scottish foods and fellowship. So, this February as you are making plans to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, make sure you also plan to celebrate with your church family on the 24th of February.

Peace and Grace,

Reverend John Napoli

P.S. Don't forget your tartans!

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 first 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.

Ordination and Installation

Sunday, January 6 was Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday and was marked at United Presbyterian with a beautiful and inspiring Epiphany service. The service also included a ceremony of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons.



January 6. Reverend John Napoli and Clerk Don Root at far right. From left is Elder Bob Hammel, Elder David Barnett, Deacon Karen Like and Deacon Vera Heitink.

Recognizing those new to service at UPC for 2019, Reverend John Napoli and Clerk of Session Don Root conducted the ceremony.

It began with Ordination, then the Installation. Ordained were New Elder David Barnett and New Deacon Karen Like.

This was followed by the Installation of Elders David Barnett and Bob Hammel and the Installation of Deacons Vera Heitink and Karen Like. The ceremony was completed when all clergy and previ-

ously Ordained officers in attendance came forward to lay on hands as Reverend Napoli said a prayer of blessing.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Feb 3	Nancy Truelove
Feb 8	Joe Stubenrauch, Eydie Peacher
Feb 9	Reem Deeb
Feb 10	C. Allen Colwell



Financial Report

Typically, we have a good month in December, and 2018 was no exception. Our income was \$20,881.85 and expenses were \$15,721.85, giving us a net cash flow of \$5,160.00 for December. This reduces our deficit for the year to \$15,267.51. The deficit reduction was possible thanks to the generosity of some who made an extra donation in December. This was bolstered by a \$2,750 donation from the profits of SCRIP. The SCRIP program continues to be a convenient way to contribute to UPC by making some of our purchases through SCRIP.

The \$15,267.51 deficit in 2018 is very close to the year-end deficit in 2017. Obviously we cannot sustain this level of annual deficits indefinitely. The Session is taking some actions to address this problem. The long term solution is to increase our membership and Pastor Napoli will be discussing the subject of evangelism in detail in the coming months. In the short term, Session will be working on ways to increase the earnings from our investments while maintaining a low level of risk.

Don Root

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 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 1 ¼ hour commitment from 9:45 - 11:00 am. 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).

Sunday School / Nursery Schedule

Date	Pre-K – 6th Grade	Teen	Nursery
February 3	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
February 10	Aline Haddad	Michelle Heitink	Sookyoung Kim
February 17	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
February 24	Karen Like	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli



UPC Youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you exit the sanctuary. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Monroe County United Ministries.



.....also, note your calendar for March 3

Calendar

~ February 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 9am Choir practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	4	5 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	6 11:45am Men's Lunch	7	8	9 7pm Winter Shelter Concert at Faith Lutheran
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17 8:45am Pastor's Class 9am Choir practice 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	18	19 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	20 11:45am Men's Lunch	21	22	23
24 8:45am Pastor's Class 9am Choir practice 10am Scottish Heritage Worship 11am Scottish Pitch In Lunch	25	26 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	27 11:45am Men's Lunch	28		

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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