

Reaching UP

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Scout Sunday at United Presbyterian

Scout Sunday



On Sunday, February 10, we saluted the youth of our church who are members of Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts. UPC Scouts are Thomas Like of Boy Scout Troop 100, Caroline Worden of Girl Scout Troop 3151 and Cub Scout Pack 129 and Logan

Worden of Boy Scout Troop 119. It was an excellent time of recognizing UPC youth and the scouting program.



After the service a photo was taken to remember the occasion. Caroline Worden (left) and Logan Worden are in the front row.

Behind them are Reverend Napoli and Thomas Like. Thanks to Stephanie Worden for the photo.

The Scouts participated in the service by lighting the candles prior to the worship service and by receiving the offering during the service. Many congregants took the time during Fellowship Hour to thank each of them for serving the community as a scout.



From the Pastor's Pen ...



Greetings,

Here are some quotes for you to ponder and meditate upon this Easter Season...

"Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about."

— **N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church***

"It is not more surprising to be born twice than once; everything in nature is resurrection."

— **Voltaire**

"He, the Life of all, our Lord and Savior, did not arrange the manner of his own death lest He should seem to be afraid of some other kind. No. He accepted and bore upon the cross a death inflicted by others, and those other His special enemies, a death which to them was supremely terrible and by no means to be faced; and He did this in order that, by destroying even this death, He might Himself be believed to be the Life, and the power of death be recognized as finally annulled. A marvelous and mighty paradox has thus occurred, for the death which they thought to inflict on Him as dishonor and disgrace has become the glorious monument to death's defeat."

— **Athanasius of Alexandria, *On the Incarnation***

I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter Season.

The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed!

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

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.

In Memorium

Mary Fern Blair

November 17, 1957 — February 21, 2019

Mary Fern Blair, 61, of Fort Wayne, passed away at home with her husband at her side. She was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Billy and Mary Lou (Arant) Rhoades, who survive in Bloomington. She was a past president of the Allen County Gideons International Auxiliary and was a member of Fort Wayne Baptist Church.

Mary Fern loved cats.

She is also survived by her husband of 36 years, Brian Blair; and her brother, Ray in Texas.

Services were held at Fort Wayne Baptist Church on Saturday, March 2. Her cremated remains will be interred in Bloomington. Memorial gifts may be made to Gideons International (gideons.org) or Fort Wayne Baptist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.neptunesociety.com/obituaries

April Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

Financial Report

In February, we spent down much of the funds built up in January. Our income was \$5,632.97 and expenses were \$13,885.45 giving us a net cash flow of negative \$8,252.48 for the month and \$6,334.00 for the year-to-date. The Souper Bowl collection netted \$259.47. This will go to Monroe County United Ministries. It's that time of the year again when we ask members, who are able, to pay their Per-Capita. The Per-Capita rate for 2019 is \$40 per member.

Don Root

The Success of the UPC Scrip Program and YOU!

At the January 13 Sunday worship service, the Scrip Committee was thrilled to be able to present a check for \$2,750 to the congregation. Such a nice sum for a donation! The Scrip Committee was able to do that because of you—friends and members of UPC who use the Scrip Program throughout the year. And it costs them nothing!

Simply use Scrip for all your needs!

Groceries! Gifts! Party supplies! Decorating! Dining Out! Gassing Up the Car! Housewares! Prescriptions! Clothing! New TV! Office Supplies! Greeting Cards! Movies! Electronics!

Order and use any of the Scrip cards and receive 100% face value when you shop! The merchants return a percentage to the church through the Great Lakes Scrip Company.

It's that easy! You help your church and it doesn't cost you a cent! Over 300 retailers participate!

It's a little different at Kroger. Those of you who have linked your Kroger Plus Cards to UPC—thanks! Every time you shop and swipe your Kroger Plus Card, UPC gets a percentage! If you haven't already linked, see Stephanie Worden during Fellowship Hour.

Please visit the Scrip Table during Fellowship Hour the first Sunday of the month to place an order. The Scrip Committee—Souheil Haddad, Allen Pease and Stephanie Worden—will be there for questions and to assist you with ordering. Scrip orders are ready for pick-up the second Sunday of the each month.

Help make the next Scrip donation THREE Thousand, seven hundred and fifty!



**OVER.
ABOVE.
BEYOND.**

Jeeyoon Kim
P I A N O

Auditorium at
United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second St.
Bloomington

Thursday, April 4, 2019
at 7 p.m.

General Admission - \$25

Tickets may be purchased through
the Buskirk Chumley Box Office
by calling
812-323-3020
or online at
<https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pe/10390994>

United Presbyterian Church ☒ 2019 Lent Schedule

Thursday, April 4 – 7 p.m.

Over. Above. Beyond. Concert starring Jeeyoon Kim, piano

Fifth Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion, April 7 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Alejandra Haddad

Holy Communion served by Rev. Napoli assisted by Elders Bob Hammel, Karen Like, Don Root and David Barnett. Communion Table prepared by UPC Deacons.

Tuesday, April 9 – 7 p.m. Alejandra Haddad; Benjamin Watkins, organ

Palm Sunday, April 14 – 10 a.m.

Reverend John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Fadi Haddad

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, April 18 – 7 p.m.

Reverend John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ

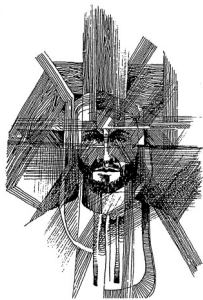
Holy Communion served by Rev. Napoli assisted by Elders Fadi Haddad, Melanie Mathis-McBride, Darian McBride and Gerrit Heitink. Communion Table prepared by UPC Deacons.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 19 – 7 p.m.

Reverend John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ

Sunrise Service, April 21–8 a.m.

Led by the UPC Worship Team



Easter Breakfast–8:30 a.m.

Easter Morning Worship – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ

Fellowship Hour — 11 a.m.

Breakfast snacks and sweets with Easter Egg Hunt for children.

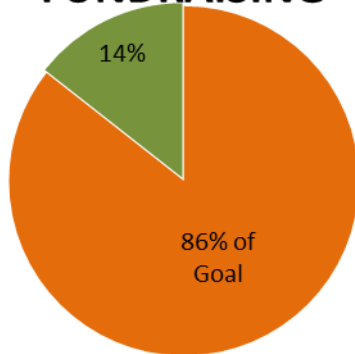
Doctoral chamber music recital

UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins will present his doctoral chamber music recital on Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 p.m. in Recital Hall on the IU Campus. In the graduate program at Jacobs School of Music, Benjamin will be collaborating with Sophia Kim, violin, Elizabeth Drabkin, violin and Peter Lockman, cello. Presented will be two major chamber works (a duo and a trio) by Beethoven and Dvorak.

Recital Hall is located on the ground floor of Merrill Hall. It's the school's most historic performance space, in which the first performance was given January 15, 1937. World-renowned musicians have performed in this beautiful, 500-seat hall for more than 65 years.

Let's join Benjamin in this historic hall and show him UPC's support while we enjoy his beautiful music. It's at 1201 E. Third St. (near 3rd & Jordan). Admission is free.

CAMP PYOCA FUNDRAISING



Camp is such an important experience and we are very grateful for the wonderful support. Our goal is all who want to participate in camp have the opportunity. Thank you to everyone who participated in our dessert auction, bidding, baking and purchasing. We enjoyed delicious treats and a fun filled afternoon. The monies from the dessert auction and Shrove Tuesday have brought us close to our goal of sending 5 kids to PYOCA. Again, thank you for your continued support.

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.

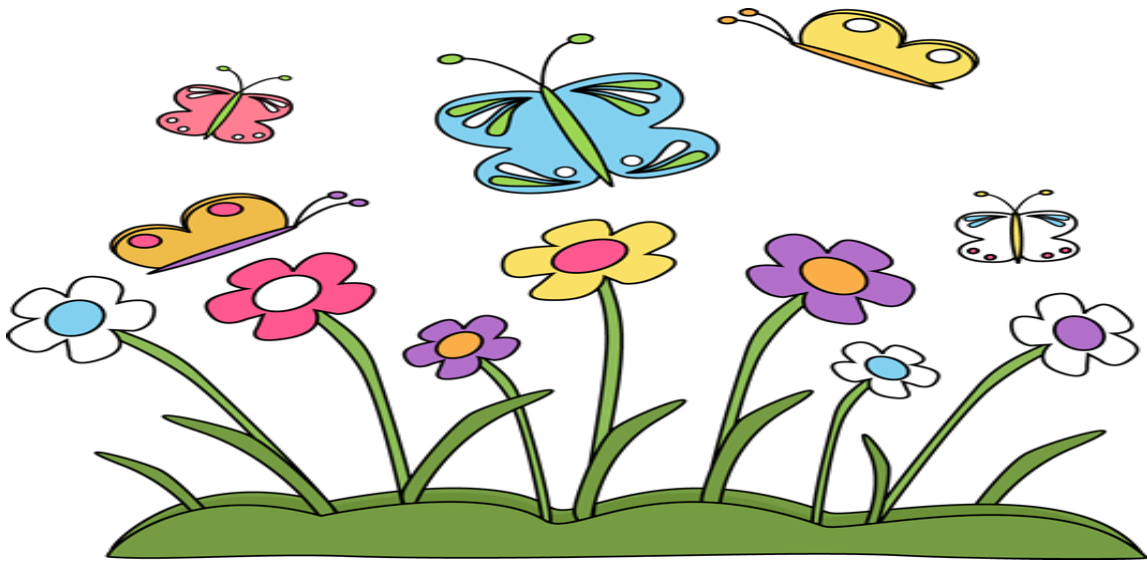
If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved with UPC youth contact
Melanie Mathis-McBride (susieq_msm@yahoo.com).

Sunday School / Nursery Schedule

Date	Pre-K – 6th Grade	Teen	Nursery
April 7	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
April 14	Aline Haddad	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sookyoung Kim
April 21	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
April 28	Karen Like	Michelle Heitink	Sarah Napoli

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Youth Flower Sale Fundraiser



Welcome Spring!

Are you ready for spring planting? Let us help you with your spring flowers. See a UPC Youth, or the display downstairs, to order your flowers. It's a way to support our youth and get your flowers for planting. All proceeds help support our UPC Youth. Flowers will be delivered in May.

Calendar

~ April 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	3 11:45am Men's Lunch	4 7pm Jeeyoon Kim—Over. Above. Beyond. concert	5	6 8:30 pm Benjamin Watkins Doctoral Recital
7 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	8	9 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten service	10 11:45am Men's Lunch	11	12	13
14 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	15	16 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	17 11:45am Men's Lunch	18 7pm Maundy Thursday service	19 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae service	20
21 8am Sunrise service 8:30am Easter breakfast 10am Easter Morning Worship	22	23 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	24 11:45am Men's Lunch	25	26	27
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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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