

Reaching UP

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Pentecost a day of celebration at UPC

On June 9, United Presbyterian marked Pentecost with a day of celebrations! A celebration of the fire of the Holy Spirit, music, Stephanie and Matthew's college graduations, fellowship and Allen's 75th year on Earth!

The fire of the Holy Spirit was celebrated by many worshippers wearing red

for the service. Red was prominently displayed throughout the sanctuary including an arrangement of red roses. Reverend Napoli led the children in waving red pom poms over their heads as they sang to represent the flames over the heads of the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. Pastor also presented the appropriate sermon, *To Put Others First*.

Music was celebrated by Music Director Benjamin Watkins and guest artists bari-tone Cameron Jackson and violinist Sofia Kim performing the classics *Shall We Gather by the River*, *Amazing*

Grace, *Meditation* and Bach's *Air on the G String*. The congregation sang the hymns *The Church in the Wild-wood*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* and *He Lives!*

Allen Pease celebrated his 75th as Liturgist.

Fellowship was celebrated with the sacrament of Holy Communion .

Graduation was celebrated with a cake for the grads and card boxes.

The 75th was further celebrated with a lunch provided by Allen in gratitude of the congregation's kindness and support. Fellowship was further celebrated by Krista Detor, Alejandra Haddad, Aline Haddad, Vera Heitink, Sue Lorimer, Lou Malcomb and Stephanie Worden helping prepare the lunch and by those gathered to share the lunch including members of Kiwanis Club.





From the Pastor's Pen ...



Greetings,

As we welcome the month of August, we have to say good bye to another wonderful round of *Movies with Meaning*. All in all, it has been an overwhelming success. But the success of our Tuesday nights in July wasn't just all popcorn and Twizzlers. It was a success because members and friends of United Presbyterian Church came out and laughed, cheered on, and remembered with our movies. We gathered to spend time to watch some familiar and some unfamiliar films. We learned and we celebrated together. But I also want to commend the community for its incredibly generous giving as well. Raising a considerable amount of money to help support our Guest Artist Program. And even though the traditional Movies with Meaning has ended this year we have one movie left that we will be viewing on August 13th. So, please plan to spend one more night with UPC as we watch our final film Mr. Holland's Opus. Thank you all again for making this program a success. Have a wonderful August.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor John

[The movie scheduled for August 13th is Mr. Holland's Opus from 6:00-8:30pm]

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.

UPC August Notes

For almost three years, the Biscuits & Gravy Boys, an Alcoholic Anonymous group of men, have been gathering in the UPC Fellowship Hall for a breakfast of biscuits and gravy followed by an official AA meeting and counseling sessions. Saturday, August 17 will mark their actual third anniversary at UPC.



To celebrate the occasion, the Biscuits & Gravy Boys are hosting a special open meeting with biscuits and gravy at 10 a.m. and the special open meeting at 11 a.m. featuring guest speaker 93 year old John M.

The group invites all UPC friends and members to attend the breakfast, the meeting or both at no charge in gratitude for allowing them use of the UPC facility the past three years. The biscuits and gravy are home made and the guest speaker presents an interesting talk. If possible, please reserve by texting 812-272-0756.



And Baby is Three!

Dr. Sarah Moon Stamey, UPC's former choir director and pianist/organist, is happy to announce that her daughter Margaret turned three in July! Can you believe that it's been three years?!?

Sarah also sent along a photo from Margaret's third birthday party. We can certainly see that baby Margaret is healthy and beautiful! We won't be calling her 'baby' much longer! Happy Birthday Margaret!



UPC Chancel Choir



Music Director Benjamin Watkins has announced the 2019-2020 performance season for the UPC Chancel Choir. First rehearsal is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 8 in the sanctuary. First performance of the season will be on Sunday, September 15. All are welcome to participate. If you'd like to be a part of this musical ministry, simply attend a Sunday morning rehearsal—always at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary—or talk to Benjamin at Fellowship Hour or contact him at btwatkin@iu.edu.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

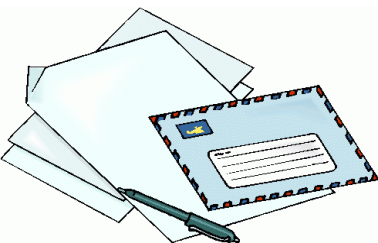
Aug 1	Nabil Turk	Aug 15	Darian McBride	Aug 20	Nichole Heitink
Aug 4	Mary Lou Rhoades	Aug 16	Vera Heitink	Aug 25	Rev. John Napoli
Aug 7	Lou Malcomb	Aug 19	Rachael Caroline Worden	Aug 27	Bill & Mary Lou Rhoades Anniversary
Aug 12	Bob Lorimer	Aug 20	Souheil Haddad		

Financial Report

June income made up for the bad month we had in May. Income was \$23,801.28 and expenses were \$17,544.84, giving us a net cash flow of \$6,256.44 for the month. This puts us back into positive territory for the year-to-date at \$1,082.75.

Donations for the Pentecost Offering were \$653. 40% of that stays here for local use.

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

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for putting your compassion into action!

Your gift is already on its way to Uganda to continue your amazing work in Uganda.

You're a friend and ally to 10,000 grandmothers raising as many as 60,000 orphaned grandchildren. You're empowering them with the tools and education they need to escape poverty.

Because of you, a child born in extreme poverty in Southwest Uganda who loses their parents to AIDS has hope for a future without hunger, fear or violence.

The impact you've made today will be felt in their lives and the lives of their children.

Thank you for your generous gift!

With deepest gratitude,
Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, Founder and CEO

Pastor John, Allen and UPC,

Thanks, thanks, thanks for putting so much into what turned out to be such a remembered and treasured anniversary day for both Julie and me. [On June 22, UPC hosted "Hammel & Hot Dogs"—a combination book signing for Bob's latest book and a celebration of the Hammel's 61st anniversary].

The opportunity to expand the day into a shared book experience with not just our beloved UPC family, but many from outside, multiplied the happy memories we took away.

One more time – Thank you!
Bob and Julie Hammel

To the Worship Team and UPC,

What a surprise!! I thought a "Thank you for singing in the choir," but it was so much more.

Now – a "Thank you" to all of you for the surprise.

I do enjoy singing and I believe it is helping to make my voice stronger.

I also appreciate our Music Director. Benjamin has gone far beyond what we expected, even from the day of the interview. The saying "He hit the ground running" doesn't begin to describe all he has done.

Blessings to all, Sue Lorimer

NOTE: The Worship Team presented members of the UPC Chancel Choir with gift cards to thank them for the 2018-19 performance season.

More Letters!

8 July 2019

Dear Pastor Napoli,

My name is Carl Watt. We've never met, but you might recognize the last name. In fact, it was interesting to note that the UPC history page on your website mentioned my grandfather, Robert E. Watt as chairman of the rebuilding committee when the current church was built, back in the 1950s. Also, he was responsible for the large cross in the stairwell (quite the woodworker). Additionally, you may have heard about my father, Robert D. Watt. A lifelong servant of God and particularly of service to the UPC. I couldn't quite tell from the online picture, but it looks like the Bob Hammel and Billy Rhoades families might be the last of the "old timers" who were part of my Dad's circle of friends there. Of course, the Haddad families were there as well. Wonderful people. The Watt family has had four generations of folks through the years as members.

I joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1992 and left Bloomington (sadly) for good. I retired from the Marine Corps after 21 years as both an enlisted man, then officer. It was a good life and I was a fair success; I suppose. Holding a variety of positions including man years in the USMC Special Operations branch. By the end, I had completed six combat tours and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals during my first combat tour of Afghanistan. Of course, the fundamentals of these achievements coming from my father Bob and the spiritual, moral guidance provided by an upbringing in the UPC, long before a career in the Marines came about.

As such, I would like to make a donation to the institution which provided for my family in all capacities, for so many decades. After retirement from the Corps, I was able to buy a business in Jacksonville, Florida, and now we're in a position to humbly give back to our family roots.

I wish you the utmost success in your leadership of the church. You've inherited a rich history and the responsibility of shepherding the absolute finest folks around. Thank you for all that you've done for the UPC now and in all future endeavors.

Sincerely, Carl Watt

NOTE: Carl is the son of the late Bob and Phyllis Watt

Monroe County Backpack Blitz

UPC is proud to be a longtime participant in the Monroe County Backpack Blitz!

In addition to UPC delivering three overflowing boxes of school supplies, we also delivered a check for \$100!

From their Facebook page:

Monroe County Backpack Blitz is a non-profit school supply drive supporting K-12 students and their families in Monroe County, Indiana.

The program, led by a team of dedicated volunteers from the Salvation Army, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, and St. Paul's Methodist Church, currently meets the needs of over 600 students in Monroe County.

In Spring 2018, the program received new support from Leadership Bloomington Monroe County (LBMC). The LBMC project group created a brand identity, streamlined options for in-kind and monetary donations, and developed a sustainability plan to support the growth of the program for years to come.

Thanks for all that you do!

Youth in Action (everyone is invited to join)

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 – 5th Grade	Teens	Nursery
August 4	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
August 11	Aline Haddad	Bob Hammel	Sookyong Kim
August 18	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Michelle Heitink	Sarah Napoli
August 25	Karen Like	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli





Enjoy A Music Related



Lights! Camera! Action!

**Tuesday August 13! 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
To Benefit UPC's Guest Artist Program**

The goals set by the Worship Team for our Spring Concert were not met.

We wound up \$1,066.79 in the red.

To offset the deficit, the Worship Team has hosted two music-related 'movie benefits' — one in May and one in June along with the weekly July Movies with Meaning.

It's a success. Deficit reduced to \$89.62!

There's no admission charge. Films are screened and snacks and food are served.

A jar is placed for donations.

We have one more music-related 'movie benefit' in August.

Help us wipe out the deficit!

Pastor John leads discussion on a deeper meaning that could be interpreted, relationships depicted, underlying storylines or what's going on that we aren't seeing. These aren't religious themed movies but every day hits that he finds meaningful.

August 13 — Mr. Holland's Opus (1995)

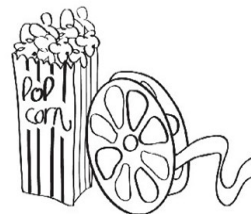
Composer Glenn Holland (Richard Dreyfuss) believes he'll eventually write a transcendent piece of music, but in the meantime, he's taken a job at an Oregon high school. Though at first the job frustrates him, and his unconventional methods often draw the ire of the straight-laced vice principal (W.H. Macy), Mr. Holland grows to love his students as the "temporary" position stretches into a decades-long career -- and in the end, they reveal just how much they love him back.



Rated PG (Some bad language and tobacco use)

**Fresh popped popcorn, snacks and
iced tea are provided Free.**

The Worship Team Thanks You!



Howlin' for CASA Happening August 24th

Monroe County CASA invites you to join us for
Howlin' for CASA
a very special event featuring musicians from Howl at the Moon
August 24th at Dimension Mill. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
The dueling pianos show begins at 8 p.m.
Switchyard Brewing will provide a cash bar
Food will be available from Aver's, Baked! of Bloomington and Juannita's.

Tickets for this event are \$25 each or \$40 for a couple. Student tickets are \$20. Tickets are available online at www.monroecountycasa.org or by calling 812-333-CASA. (This is a 21+ event.) CASA is a volunteer program, which provides representation in juvenile court for child victims of abuse and neglect. They provide support to these children to ensure that they remain at the forefront of the court proceedings and find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. To learn more about how you can give a child a voice, please visit www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer or call 812-333-CASA.



FREE CONCERT – SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 “Curses! Oaths and Troths in Broadway and Opera”

Unleash heavenly thunderbolts on enemies, frenemies, lovers, and others
with scenes from Sondheim, Samson & Delilah, Rigoletto, & Barber of Seville

ROBERT CHAFIN
Tenor

ANNA SINGER
Soprano
and

RICHARD LEWIS
Baritone

MICHAEL BOROWITZ, Piano

Sunday, August 25, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.
Fairview United Methodist Church
600 W. Sixth Street, Bloomington

Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit Fairview Elementary School's literacy and artful learning programs. Student art exhibit at concert!
This program is supported in part by the Curry Fund for a
Compassionate and Caring Community.
Reception following the concert.

Calendar

~ August 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	5	6 12:15pm Bible Study (*tentative) 6pm Book Study	7 11:45am Men's Lunch	8	9	10
11 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	12	13 12:15pm Bible Study (*tentative) 6pm Movies and Popcorn	14 11:45am Men's Lunch	15	16	17
18 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	19	20 12:15pm Bible Study (*tentative) 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	21 11:45am Men's Lunch	22	23	24
25 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	26	27 12:15pm Bible Study (*tentative) 6pm Book Study	28 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-1pm Biscuits and Gravy Boys
8pm Campus Group				8pm Campus Group		11am Overeaters Anonymous
				7pm SA (2nd and 4th Thursdays)		

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