

Reaching UP

Congratulations Grads!

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UPC said “Job well done!” to two of our members who earned college degrees from Indiana University. On December 20, Gerrit Jan Heitink and Jesse McBride donned cap and gown to receive their degrees during a ceremony at Assembly Hall on the Bloomington campus. Gerrit Jan received a bachelor degree in criminal justice and psychology with a minor in Spanish. Jesse also received a bachelor degree in criminal justice and is considering law school.

Reverend Napoli acknowledged their graduation during the Sunday morning worship on January 5. Many said their con-

gratulations in person and enjoyed a special cake and refreshments at a reception organized by UPC Youth Director Melanie Mathis McBride in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.



Above are Jesse and Gerrit Jan with their special cake and below are (from left) Jesse, dad Darian, step-mom Melanie and Gerrit Jan with mom Michelle and dad Jan Berend.



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From the Pastor's Pen ...



Who Dat? Who Dere? It's that time of year again ladies and gentlemen. Time to don your purple, green, and gold and prepare to celebrate New Orleans style! February is a time of celebration here at United Presbyterian Church and we'd like to make sure you are there to celebrate with us...to kick off the Season of Lent.

On Sunday the 23rd we will be having our dessert auction to help support our youth. The auction begins after worship and is held in our fellowship hall. Come bid on your favorite sweets as all proceeds go directly to support our youth program.

Then on Tuesday the 25th get ready to eat some hot cakes and jam to some live Dixie Land music as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We will be serving up pancakes and sausage along with all the fixings.... all you can eat!!!!!! As always, we will be taking donations, all of which goes to support our youth programs.

So, let's have a great turnout for these two important dates that help support our kids. Happy Mardi Gras. Peace and Blessings,

- 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

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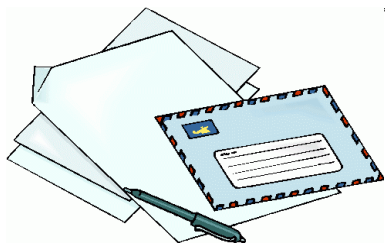
UPC receives a percentage from the merchant for each gift card purchased. Place and purchase your order the first Sunday of the month & pick up the following Sunday.

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.



We Get Letters!

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



Dear United Presbyterian Church,

This letter is to take a moment to thank everyone at UPC for all the thoughts and prayers after the passing of my mother, Janet. On behalf of myself, my sister April, and Mom's brothers and sister, we thank you for opening your hearts to us in our time of sorrow.

It means a lot to know that there are so many caring people at UPC that I can turn to for support. You are appreciated.

Yours in Christ
Phillip Addison

← On January 19, Phillip Addison sponsored the Sanctuary Flowers in loving memory of his mother who left us all too soon. The next day, January 20, would have been Janet's 69th birthday.

Dear UPC,

Please accept this \$50 contribution from the Sunday 6 PM Overeaters Anonymous group in appreciation for allowing us to use the church for our weekly meetings.

Thank you so much for supporting our group through providing meeting space. We try to be good stewards of the space and encourage appropriate use of the church facilities. If there is anything we need to change or do, please let me know.

Sincerely, Harriet, OA Secretary

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Feb 8 Joe Stubenrauch, Eydie Peacher

Feb 10 C. Allen Colwell

Feb 19 John Spir



Financial Report

We normally have an exceptionally good financial month in December. It didn't happen this year. Our income was \$11,367.50 and our expenses were \$18,524.23 giving us a cash flow of negative \$7,156.73 for December and negative \$17,392.13 for the year 2019.

Don Root

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

	Pre-K -- 6	Teen	Nursery
January 5	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
January 12	Karen Like	Michelle Heitink	Sookyoung Kim
January 19	Aline Haddad	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
January 26	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli
February 2	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
February 9	Aline Haddad	Michelle Heitink	Sookyoung Kim
February 16	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
February 23	Karen Like	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli
March 1	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
March 8	Aline Haddad	Michelle Heitink	Sookyoung Kim
March 15	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Bob Hammel	Sarah Napoli
March 22	Karen Like	Melanie Mathis-McBride	Sarah Napoli
March 29	Melanie Mathis McBride	No Class	Colleen Swanson



tacklehunger.org

UPC Youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2, 2020. 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.

February 23rd

UPC Youth



Please join us for the 3rd annual UPC Youth dessert auction on February 23, 2020. All proceeds will be used to send our UPC Youth to camp PYOCA. We will enjoy a light lunch and then let the bidding begin. Purchase a dessert to take home and enjoy later, or get something to share at your table. Come join in the fun!

SHROVE TUESDAY RETURNS TO UPC . . .

UPC's fourth Shrove Tuesday is February 25!

Rev. Napoli brought the tradition with him from the Deep South!

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent, and is often celebrated by consuming pancakes. It's called Mardi Gras and celebrated as a carnival day and the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday.

THE UPC WORSHIP TEAM PRESENTS



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

6 p.m. February 25 – Fellowship Hall

at United Presbyterian Church

1701 E. Second Street

Reverend John Napoli – host and chef

Free!

Donations will be accepted for UPC Youth Activities.

LIVE MUSIC BY

Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band.

THE MENU

Enjoy pancakes personally flipped by Pastor John!

Your choice: Plain, blueberry, chocolate chip or gluten free.

Plus → Sausage. Iced Tea O.J. Milk. And Tons of Pancake Toppings!

Homemade King Cake provided by Stephanie and Caroline Worden.

Whoever finds the 'baby' in the cake wins a prize!

Calendar

~ February 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	3	4 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	5 11:45am Men's Lunch	6	7	8
9 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	10	11 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study	12 11:45am Men's Lunch	13	14	15
16 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	17	18 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Book Study 7pm Session	19 11:45am Men's Lunch	20	21	22
23 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and Dessert Auction	24	25 12:15pm Bible Study 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	26 11:45am Men's Lunch 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	27	28	29

Weekly Community Users of UPC Facilities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6pm Overeaters Anonymous	5:15pm Kiwanis (2nd Monday)	6:30pm MCCT (2nd Tuesday)		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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