

Reaching UP

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First ever Chili Cook-Off a success . . .

January 29, 2020 was the first ever Chili Cook-Off held at United Presbyterian. A



large number of people arrived in high spirits to judge 14 chili entries!

A vast array of toppings were laid out to enhance the various crock pots and roasters filled with chili.

Most took a sample of each chili and came back for a full bowl of their favorite.

Each attendee could place one vote for their favorite chili. Ballots were placed in a basket and Souheil read from each one as Allen kept tally on the blackboard.



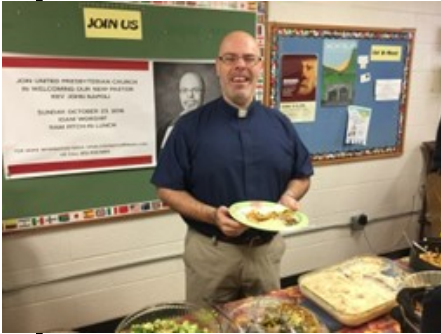
Alejandra won First Place with a secret, vegan, gluten free chili. Virginia took home the Second Place ribbon and Vera and Anne tied for Third Place!

It was an evening of great food, fun and fine fellowship AND we raised \$453! It was such fun that it was determined to make the Chili Cook-Off an annual event for UPC!





From the Pastor's Pen ...



Spring is almost here. It won't be long before our trees begin to bloom, and the daffodils make their triumphal entrance, marking once again, our world is coming back to vibrant life. God's creation will soon be experiencing its annual resurrection. Let us be encouraged by nature as we fast and reflect on the life of Christ. As, we spiritually walk with our Lord through the wilderness let us remember, we always have the light that comes from Christ to guide us. Let us travel together as a community of faith as we approach Holy Week and the cross, encouraging each other along the way. The time to celebrate is approaching, for we know that even death cannot hold our Lord. This Lenten season pay attention to nature as God's creation comes back to life. And as always...continue to look forward to the resurrection of our Lord.

Peace be with you all,
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.

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.

Video and Sound Systems

If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound system or help in taping Sunday worship service please contact Don Root at rootd@msn.com.

Offering

If you are interested in helping collect the offering during the service or count it after the service please contact Andy Hill at andy@andyhill.us

Update on the Interfaith Winter Shelter

UPC was one of a large group of congregations who got on board when the Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter was founded about eight years ago. Though the shelter was a success from the beginning, it was a struggle to find facilities in which to house the homeless overnight, organize volunteers, serve food and implement



many of the logistics. UPC made the commitment to staff the shelter the first Thursday of every month.

When it became possible for the Wheeler Mission to embrace the Winter Shelter and provide an overnight facility big enough to house the need and also be able to manage, staff and operate it, the change was welcomed with open arms. The transition last year was well organized.

The Wheeler Mission still needs the help of the community. Volunteers were needed, though in smaller numbers, and donations of cash, hygiene items, food and warm clothing are also still needed. In keeping with its traditional first Thursday of the month date, UPC provides and serves a snack of hot pizza around 9 p.m. each month. The once a month event takes about two hours. The task is to pick up

twenty fresh baked pizzas from Pizza X, deliver the pizzas to the shelter, set up and serve the food and clean up. Each group of UPC volunteers who make it happen each month report that it's an uplifting activity.

Shown above are February's group of volunteers: Benjamin Watkins, Michelle Heitink, David Barnett, Reverend John Napoli and (not visible because he's taking the photo) Souheil Haddad.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mar 08 Michelle Heitink

Mar 10 Bob & Sue Lorimer Anniversary

Mar 16 Deborah Heitink

Mar 23 Rachel & Joe Loop Anniversary

Mar 30 Travis Bauer



Financial Report

We had an exceptionally good month in January. Our income was \$33,686 and our expenses were \$11,541 giving us a net cash flow of \$22,145 for the month and the year to date. January is typically a good month because some members make one lump sum donation at the beginning of the year. This surplus will gradually dissipate in the coming months.

It is that time of the year when we ask those members, who are able, to pay their Per-Capita. Per-Capita for 2020 is \$40 per member.

The Souper Bowl collection netted \$245.70 which went to Monroe County United Ministries.

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

March 1	No Class	No Class	Lance Like
March 8	Aline Haddad	Michelle Heitink	Sookyung 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



Thank You

Our 3rd annual dessert auction was held on February 23, 2020. It was a bright and sunny day and we had delicious desserts, enthusiastic auctioneers, and a good cause. A big round of thanks to all the participants who donated their time, talents and money to help send our youth to camp PYOCA. We raised \$1,006.00 toward that goal.

Look for a new, fun addition next year – Darian has volunteered to take a pie to the face and is challenging Souheil and Fadi – this could add an very interesting twist

.....stay tuned next year!



2020 Scout Sunday at UPC February 9, 2020



Caroline Worden of Girl Scout Troop 3151 and Cub Scout Pack 129 presented the Call to Worship. Scout Leader Stephanie Worden did the Prayer of Confession and Thomas Like (photo far right) of Scout Troop 100 read the day's Scriptures, Philippians 2: 1-5. Logan Worden, Scout Troop 119, and Thomas received



the offering blessed by Pastor Napoli. They receive a Church Badge and applause from Pastor and congregation.



United Presbyterian Church ❖ 2020 Lent Schedule

First Sunday in Lent, March 1 – 10 a.m.

Reverend John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Elder David Barnett
Holy Communion with Elders Alejandra Haddad, Gerrit Heitink, Stephanie Worden and Eydie Peacher
Tuesday, March 3 – 7 p.m. Elder Don Root; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Second Sunday in Lent, March 8 – 10 a.m.

Reverend John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Reverend Bob Lorimer
Tuesday, March 10 – 7 p.m. Reverend David Rosen; Benjamin Watkins, organ

Third Sunday in Lent, March 15 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Rick Morgenstern
Tuesday, March 17–7 p.m. Elder Ale Haddad; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Guest Artist Sun Huh, violin

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Elder Alejandra Haddad
Tues., March 24–7 p.m. Rev. Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Guest Artist Annaka Grismer, soprano

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29 – 10 a.m.

Rev. Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Liturgist, Elder John Swanson
Tuesday, March 31–7 p.m. Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Guest Artist Sofia Kim, violin

Palm Sunday, April 5 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Processional of the Palms;
Guest Artist Severn DuSell, flute; Liturgist, Deacon Vera Heitink
Holy Communion with Elders Bob Hammel, Karen Like, Don Root and David Barnett

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, April 9 – 7 p.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Holy Communion with Elders Darian and Melanie McBride



Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 10 – 7 p.m.

Rev. Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ; Guest Artists Matthew Maroon, oboe; Marielle Hug, mezzo soprano

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12–8 a.m.

Elder Alejandra Haddad; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Guest Artist John LaCombe, trumpet; Liturgists:
Raja Hanania, Arabic; Jan Berend Heitink, Dutch; Benjamin Watkins, English; Vera Heitink, French; Gerrit
Heitink, German; Doyeun Park, Korean; Alejandra Haddad, Spanish and Patrick Nyarko, Twi

Easter Breakfast–8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall



Easter Morning Worship–10 a.m. Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, organ;
Liturgist, Bob Hammel
Guest Artist John LaCombe, trumpet

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion/ Deacons Sunday 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	2	3 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	4 11:45am Men's Lunch	5	6	7
8 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship and Pi with Pie Day	9	10 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	11 11:45am Men's Lunch	12	13	14
15 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	16	17 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	18 11:45am Men's Lunch 6:30 Session	19	20	21
22 8:45am Pastor's Class 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	23	24 6pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Service	25 11:45am Men's Lunch	26	27	28
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Weekly Community Users of UPC Facilities

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