

# Reaching UP

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## Moving Forward at UPC.

The United Presbyterian Church building remains closed except for our Sunday, 10 a.m. worship service. We're happy to report that the 6 p.m. Tuesday Zoom Bible study and 6:30 Thursday Zoom Prayer Service have become rather popular. For August, even though the building remains closed, we've taken some baby steps with two of our outside groups who've been regular users of our facility right up to the COVID outbreak.

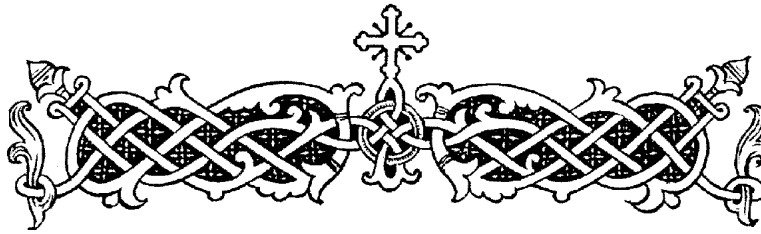
**Campus Group.** This group has been with us about 12 years and met in our Fellowship Hall every Thursday and Sunday at 8 p.m. They have been approved to conduct their Sunday, 8 p.m. meetings outside on our parking lot. They bring their own chairs and are allowed inside access only to the downstairs handicapped restroom. No one is allowed elsewhere in the building.

**Kiwanis Club.** They've been with us for a decade. They met the second Monday of the month in M/N at 6:15 and have utilized Fellowship Hall several times for banquets. They usually present a Pancake Breakfast & Antique Auto Show the last Saturday in April. That was not possible this year. The event raises funds for the club and its Youth Leadership Programs. Not doing the fundraiser this year would be a staggering blow. The Kiwanis Board reviewed recommendations from the Monroe County Health Department as well as consulted with the Monroe County Sheriff and event-planning experts. After careful consideration of distancing, ease of service, budget and thoughtful discussion, sharing and exchanging, Kiwanis prepared an implementation plan and presented it to UPC's Session Board who approved it unanimously. In addition, Kiwanis Community Partners came forward to help make the event possible. They are Culver's of Bloomington, Dr. Fadi & Dr. Aline Haddad, Dr. Souheil & Dr. Alejandra Haddad, Ivy Tech Community College and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Therefore, the 2020 Kiwanis No-Contact, Social Distancing, DRIVE-THRU Pancake Breakfast is Sat., Aug. 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. on the driveways and parking lot. Each breakfast will be served in a biodegradable container and be prepared by socially distanced, gloved, masked, aproned Kiwanis volunteers. Signage will be in front of the church directing drivers to enter from Second St. and proceed to the double back doors. An orange-vested Kiwanis volunteer will direct traffic. No tickets will be printed in keeping with no contact. Those wishing to support Kiwanis, will simply drive up to the table under the canopy and say how many breakfasts they'd like. A Kiwanis volunteer will place their breakfast(s) in their vehicle and drive on. Twenty feet further on, drivers can stop at a second table, if they have kids 10 and under, to receive a free "goodie bag." At the Kid's Table will be Miss IU Alexandria Ford and Mrs. Indiana America Justus Kelley who'll present the "goodie bag" from over-sized trays. Then drivers exit onto Eastside Drive.

Attendees will remain in their cars. The general public will not have access to the building. Kiwanis volunteers will have access only to the kitchen, Fellowship Hall and the handicapped rest room. There will be no access to the upper level.

Kiwanis and UPC will actively monitor for any escalating health concerns leading up to the breakfast and, if necessary, adjust procedures or cancel the event.



## AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE



August 2 — Liturgist: Elder Alejandra Haddad; *The Sick Woman* presented by Reverend John Napoli.

Holy Communion served by Reverend John Napoli.

Communion Pods may be found in the Narthex as you enter.

August 9 — Liturgist: Deacon Lou Malcomb; *The Parable of the Good Samaritan* presented by Reverend John Napoli

August 16 — Liturgist: Elder Bob Hammel; *The Widow* presented by Reverend John Napoli

August 23 — Liturgist: Elder Alejandra Haddad; *The Man by the Pool* presented by Reverend John Napoli

August 30 — Liturgist: Elder Jan Berend Heitink; *The Parable of the Tenants* presented by Reverend John Napoli

## 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](mailto:andy@andyhill.us)

### 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](mailto:rootd@msn.com).

### 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.

### 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.

## His Eyes Mission Needs Help . . .

His Eyes Mission in Honduras raises funds by selling coffee they grow and harvest themselves on a mountain side near one of the churches they planted. This fund raising project also provides jobs for the people in that district. His Eyes is overseen by Felipe and Valerie Colby who are in-residence there and are members of our congregation.



Most of the coffee is sold from their website in one pound bags—or, it used to be! Due to problems caused by COVID, it has now become much more expensive to ship orders of one, two & three pounds, so people have stopped ordering because of that higher cost, even though the coffee is really, really good!

The Colby's have found that it is much cheaper to ship in boxes of 50 pounds each (i.e. 50 one pound bags per box)—much cheaper!

So, Felipe and Valerie are asking congregations if, as a Church, we might be interested in perhaps purchasing a 50 pound box as a fund raiser for His Eyes. Then the cost then would be \$12.00 per one pound bag.

Great for Christmas and birthday gifts as well as for breakfast table.

Before a commitment is made, we'd like to see if the congregation would support this project. Let the office know as soon as possible if you'd like to participate. Contact Allen Pease at church on Sunday or call the office at 812-332-1850 or send an email to [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com) and let Allen know how many pounds you'd like to order.



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries



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



## Financial Report

Our last Reaching Up financial report was for the month of February. A lot has happened since then and it's not over yet. Thanks to some very generous donations at the beginning of the year and your continued support, we seem to be weathering the storms. Income was way down in April, but the remaining months have been about average. In June, our income was \$10,008 and expenses were \$12,785 giving us a net cash flow for the month of negative \$2,777. For the year to date, our income is ahead of expenses by \$8,088, but we are chipping away at that surplus every month and it will likely have evaporated entirely before the year's end.

We are inching our way back to normal thanks to the can-do attitude of Pastor John, Allen, and the Session. We are back in the Sanctuary on Sundays and are jumping on the technology bandwagon to allow people at home to participate in worship, Bible studies, and prayer meetings. Look for more of that in the future. We have also added provisions for you to donate by credit card through our website, if you are not comfortable returning to church.

In spite of the shut-down, the youth flower sale was successful. We made around \$650.  
Don Root

**Urgent Need at Monroe County CASA!**  
**Now Accepting Applications for Second August Virtual Training**

Monroe County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is now accepting applications for the upcoming August training session. The next training is from August 3-26 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. This will be a virtual training, with all sessions held on Zoom, so all participants will need to have access to a computer, phone or tablet with access to the internet as well as a camera and microphone.

CASA has added this second summer training session due to an increased need for volunteers. As of June 23rd, over 40 children are on the CASA wait list. Abused and neglected children in our community need a stable, caring adult on their side that they can trust. Please consider getting involved or share this information with others to help spread the word.

CASA is a volunteer-powered 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 how you can change a child's story, please visit [www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer](http://www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer) or call 812-333-CASA.



**Does this crazy, topsy-turvy world have you feeling upside down?**  
**Melancholy? Maybe just a little cranky?**  
**Here's a tonic for what ails you**

**Madness, Mayhem and Missed Connections**  
A Tenth-Anniversary Celebration of Broadway and Opera.

Over the past nine years, many UPCers have attended this concert for the wonderful music and to support the children of Fairview Elementary School. Prospect Hill resident Richard Lewis and friends are back for the tenth-anniversary concert. And this year, They're YouTubing it!

Mr. Lewis says, join us on Sunday, August 30 at 2 PM Eastern for a 1-hour YouTube event with new performances of musical favorites from our past nine seasons. Our YouTube broadcast will explore romantic passions that simply drive us crazy – songs and duets by Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, Mozart, and Puccini and mad-cap trios by Rossini and Gilbert & Sullivan. In Porter's Kiss Me, Kate a divorced couple sing a love duet with only a wall between them – while our artists actually sing 400 miles apart. In Pittsburgh, Anna Singer's Carmen entices her lovelorn Army boy stationed in Morgantown, West Virginia (tenor Robert Chafin). Our maestro at the keyboard, Michael Borowitz, works his magic from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, while baritone Richard Lewis plays a bullfighter here in Bloomington, Indiana. Talk about missed connections!

In this YouTube broadcast, we also seek to benefit the literacy and Artful Learning programs for Bloomington's Fairview Elementary School. Over the past several years, you – our audience – have raised nearly \$12,000 for these vital programs. We cannot thank you enough for your support, and hope that you will once again choose to assist these student programs at a time when our support is even more critical. Approximately 90 percent of Fairview families face significant economic challenges; this model school provides students with educational and artistic lifelines, and opportunities to excel, in ways they may never have dreamed possible. With so much uncertainty today, these programs become even more essential.

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PLAN FOR REOPENING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICES  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

The plan issued June 30 called for resuming worship services Sunday July 5th, which we did. It specified precautionary steps to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 Virus. These steps remain in place and are based on guidance from the state of Indiana, Church Mutual Insurance, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, and local government. It has been approved by the Session of United Presbyterian Church and subject to revision as conditions and guidance change. Adherence to these steps does not guarantee protection against catching the virus, therefore each individual, especially those at higher risk, due to age (65 or older) or pre-existing health conditions, should evaluate their own risk of exposure before attending services at the church. Whenever possible, remote access by video will be made available for those who choose not to attend in person.

**GENERAL:**

1. Anyone having Covid-19 symptoms, such as cough, fever, etc., within the last 14 days is asked not to come into the church building. This also applies to anyone who has been in contact with someone with Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms.
2. Anyone on church property is asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing (6 feet apart). Masks will be provided, if needed. Individuals working alone are not required to wear a mask, but should have one available in case some else enters the room.
3. The kitchen is closed to the general public. Church or Presbytery employees may use the kitchen during working hours, but must disinfect all surfaces used.
4. Group activities such as Bible studies, youth activities, fellowship hour & outside group meetings will resume later in time. Two outside groups will use the parking lot in August. Details may be found elsewhere in this Reaching U.P.
5. To reduce contact at the water fountain, please bring your own water & bottle when in the building.

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

1. Observe no contact greetings. Avoid hand shaking or hugs when arriving or departing.
2. Practice enhanced hygiene such as frequent hand washing or sanitizing. Hand sanitizers will be available at entrances, rest rooms, and various other areas. Individuals are also encouraged to bring their own pocket sized sanitizers.
3. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or fellowship hour. Group activities such as mission trips, VBS, etc. are postponed.
4. Music will be entirely instrumental. There will be no singing and no choir. Guest artists will not include singers or brass, woodwind, or reed instruments.
5. Passing of the peace will not be observed in the traditional manner. If included, it will be done in a way that avoids touching and maintains social distancing.
6. Individuals will not sit in close proximity except for members of the same household. Seating will be marked to adhere to 6 feet of separation.
7. There will be no handouts. Bulletins will be sent by email. Individuals may print a copy or download it to a cell phone. Downloading is preferred. Any printed materials brought to the service must be taken home for disposal.
8. Collection plates will be placed at the exits of the sanctuary in place of the traditional collection. Counters will be provided with gloves to avoid contact.
9. The Lord's Supper will be done with individual communion pods, which will be provided.
10. Overhead fans will be left off to avoid spreading particles through the air.
11. Please refer to the seating/exiting diagram, Certain pew sections are blocked off to ensure social distancing. Only people in the same household should sit together. Most sections are arranged for a maximum of 3 people together. There are two sections on the right side set aside for families of up to 5 persons. Social distancing should also be observed when exiting. Exiting should be from rear to front. People on the right side pew sections should exit through the side door and down through the Eastside Drive side exit. People on the left side section of pews should exit through the rear door and down to the parking lot exit.



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

Hello,

My name is Cassy Klindt. I am the youth director at the Salvation Army here in Bloomington.

We have noticed a need for before school care for children. I am trying to get one started, but am struggling to find volunteers willing to join me at 6 am to watch the children until we can take them to school.

I am contacting local church to see if anyone would be interested in partnering with us and joining me at our Salvation Army Church building to help with this project!

If you know of anyone that might be interested or if there are any questions please let me know!

I may be reached at [Cassy.Kindt@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Cassy.Kindt@usc.salvationarmy.org) or at 812-336-4310.

Have a blessed day,

Cassy Klindt

Youth Director Salvation Army



United Presbyterian Church

Indiana Friends of Nyaka

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for putting your compassion into action.

Your July 6th gift of \$250 is already on its way to Uganda to continue your amazing work in Uganda.

You're a friend and ally to 15,000 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

NYAKA AIDS Orphans Project

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We will provide more information about the school programs during our event as well as options for you to give securely online or by check. Once again this year, Solution Tree – a Bloomington-based company providing global educational resources and teacher training – has kicked things off with a \$300 donation. Thank you!

We look forward to serving you a 1-hour musical feast on Sunday, August 30 at 2 PM Eastern. Please join us at the “Richard Lewis Opera and Broadway Channel” on YouTube.com for Madness, Mayhem and Missed Connections. See you then!

Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m. YouTube.com. Free. On Facebook: “Madness, Mayhem and Missed Connections”. Program supported in part by Solution Tree.