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The United Presbyterian Script Program is thrilled to announce the 2020 year-end donation to UPC of

\$1,350!

Thank you to all who helped make this possible!



In 2021 Pledge to Support

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Giftwrap! School Supplies! Pharmacy!

Simply make your purchases using the UPC Scrip Program and you

help your church without spending an extra cent!

***Simple! Easy! First Opportunity
in 2021***

An order form was attached to the 12/29 church-wide email so that all can get orders in to the church office by Sunday, January 10.

Those orders will be ready for picked up Sunday, January 17.

When you make purchases using UPC Scrip Cards, you receive 100% of face value and UPC gets a percentage back from each and every business!



Wheeler Mission is hiring!

... for “20-21 Winter Contingency Monitor”

We are seeking seasonal workers to help in our Men’s and Women’s shelters in Indianapolis and Bloomington through March 31, 2021. Hourly wage is \$16.00/hour, approximately 28 hours per week.

Please visit our website for more information, to apply, and/or to view other employment opportunities:

<https://wheelermission.org/about-us/employment/>

In His service,

Sharon Yacoviello

Wheeler Mission| HR Recruiter

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. – Romans 12:10

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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

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

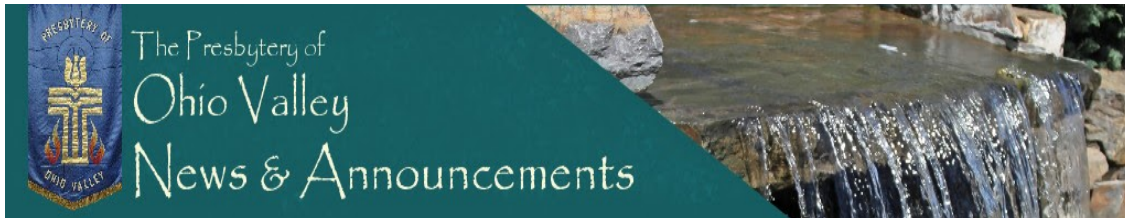
The little red wagon is waiting to be filled with canned goods and hygiene products for Monroe County United Ministries. For more information ask one of our Deacons.

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



Presbytery Office Holiday Hours

The Presbytery Office will be closed for the holidays beginning Thursday, December 24th through Sunday, January 3rd. We will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9:00am EST.

If a matter will need more immediate attention, please contact Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter, or David Crittenden, temporary Stated Clerk. In the event of an emergency, please call (do not text) Susan McGhee at: 866-344-7853, ext. 1.

Susan, Joe, Dave, Jean, Rhonda, and Stephanie wish you and yours a peaceful and happy holiday season!

Assembly Meetings for 2021

The next Assembly will take place on Saturday, 4/17/2021 via online video conference.

The meetings for the remainder of the year are:

August 21st (Saturday)

November 18th (Thursday)

January Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jan 3	Liz Root	Jan 19	Christabel Nyarko
Jan 5	John Swanson	Jan 23	Karen Like
Jan 10	Chelsey Parker	Jan 25	Virginia McCartney
Jan 11	Stephanie Haddad		



Financial Report

Our congregation was very generous in November. Income was \$26,173 and expenses were \$13,258. This gave us a surplus of \$12,915 for November and \$17,447 for the year to date. This puts us in a good position to end the year without a deficit for the first time in several years. Thank you for your financial and prayer support during these difficult times.

Don Root



A Message From The Founder and CEO, Twesigye Jackson Kaguri

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support in the past, present, and future. 2020 is a year we will all remember for one reason or the other.



COVID-19 hit us hard, however because of your support Nyaka is one of the few organizations if not the only one that kept all our employees, including all teachers, and have paid them full salaries to this day. Without your support this would not have been possible.

2020 is the year I turned 50, I had grand plans to celebrate this milestone, however COVID-19 and many other challenges happened. As plans changed, I decided to honor our grandmothers who work so hard everyday and raise their grandbabies in rural Uganda. I reached out to you and asked that we feed a one dollar lunch to each of the 15,000 grandmothers and you overwhelmingly supported the idea. As I write this piece, I am in Uganda

where I have met with several grandmother groups and personally handed out more than 3,000 lunches. Our grandmothers have been overjoyed. Thank you!

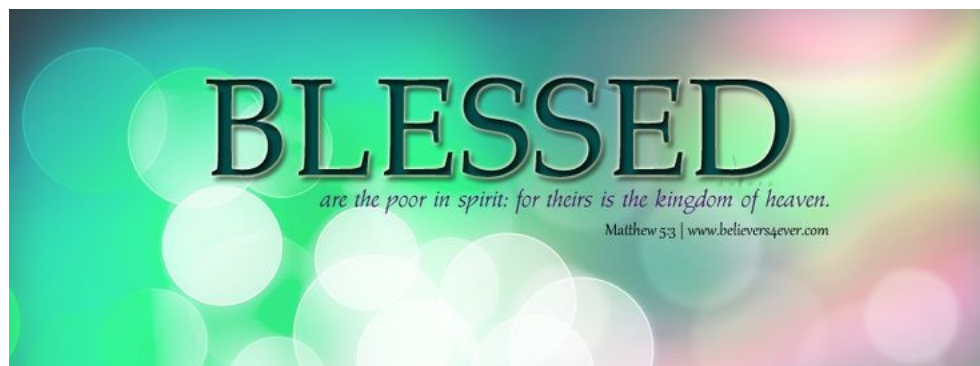
Finally, 2021 will be a monumental year as we will be celebrating 20 years since Nyaka was established and we can't wait to celebrate it with you.

Happy holidays from my Nyaka family to yours.

Jackson Kaguri

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Quick update from the Colby's and on hurricane ravaged His Eyes Mission

[NOTE: After about 10 months in the U.S.A., The Colby's returned to Honduras minus one].

Long story short...Cecilia will be staying in Indiana. She can finish her senior year here, get a foot hold on being ready for college in the fall (starting in Ivy Tech) and even earn some money for the future...she was hired this week at Chick-Fil-A. There are probably a 100 other things we have not yet figured out, but she is pretty flexible and looking forward to hopefully some non-online schooling.

The staff is coordinating buying, transporting, and distributing what is needed most...mattresses, food, medicines and clothing. It will take several trips over several weeks, with staff and volunteers.

Two hurricanes in a few weeks time...leaving quite a bit of destruction behind. Our staff has made two trips to help so far, and more is planned, while trying to do everything else as well. You can check some of the pictures on the His Eyes social media platforms...but the smells, tastes, and overwhelming presence of how much there is to do is hard for us to grasp from pictures.

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Thankfully, donations are coming in to help, and there is a lot of help needed. You can donate via our donate page, designating for emergency relief in the drop down menu.

There were areas affected closer to home, and we will also be seeing how we help in other parts of the country as well...reports are coming in that near Danli there are affected areas, and at least one pastor has some

reports of problems of flooding in his home, near Talanga. And there are road issues in many, many areas.

Seen below is Luz Belen in the house her parents were building in Sampedrana. The hard rains there that have washed out the road also affected their adobe, which they only had been able to cover with a roof half way before the storm. They are living with grandparents. (Luz is part of the Milk Project in Sampedrana).

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Prayer requests:

For the staff making these challenging, hard, and physically dangerous trips to help in San Pedro Sula and beyond helping with the hurricane aftermath.

For Cecilia adapting and changing to living in the US at least for the next several years, and for us leaving her here to adapt to supporting her from afar.

Our mailing address is: His Eyes; 9903 Indian Lake Blvd; North Drive; Indianapolis, IN 46236

FINAL CALL — THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING . . .

reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God.



\$1.3 million of gifts from 2019 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need.

Income supplements from the Board of Pensions helped nearly 311 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses.

Housing supplements helped 249 households remain in their homes, afford assisted living, or long-term care.

Shared and Emergency Grants helped more than 84 households.

\$1.2 million in gifts from 2019 supported new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.

Over the past twenty years, The Christmas Joy Offering has been received at United Presbyterian during worship the last two Sundays of the year.

Of course, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, that's not possible this year.

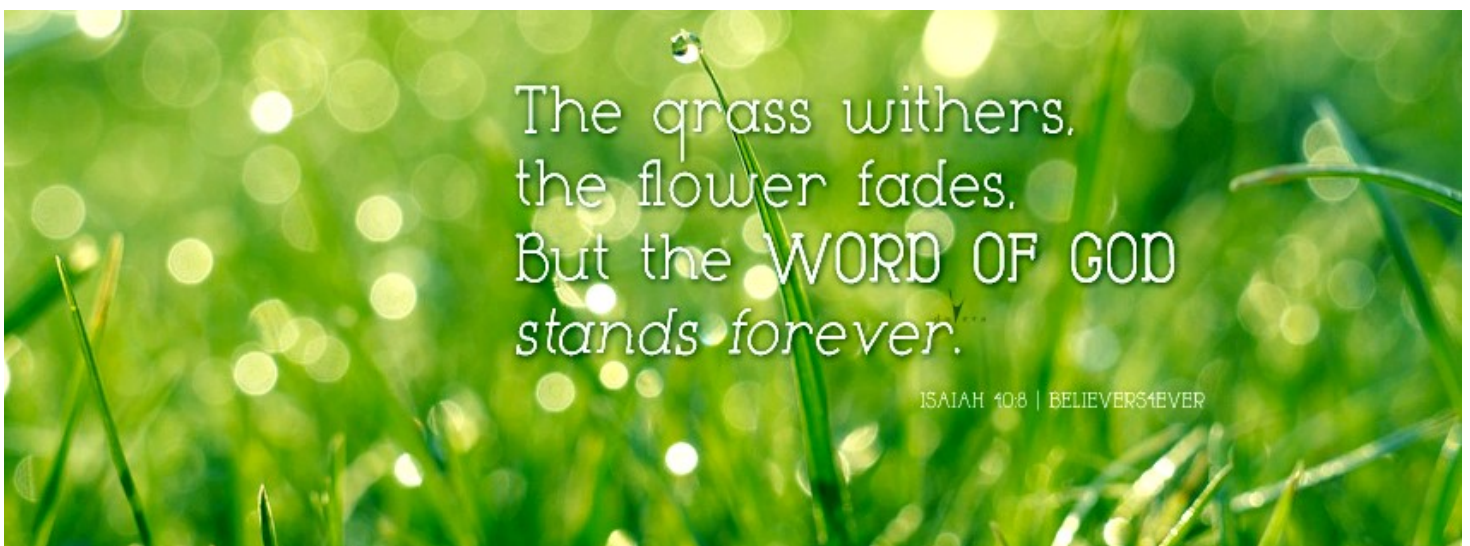
Friends and members are asked to mail their offering to the church or drop off your offering (after calling Allen in the office first).

If making the offering by check, please write Christmas Joy on the memo line.

Final 2020 offerings for the Deacons Fund, Nyaka and His Eyes as well as year end gifts for the church may also be made by mail or dropping off at the church office.

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