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#2 Jeeyoon Kim 30 x 3 a Hit!

The second was as wonderful as the first! In response to the pandemic, our own Jeeyoon Kim created a unique way to maintain connection. The *30 x 3 Concert* series. Direct from her San Diego living room.

Jeeyoon's brilliant commentary greatly enhanced her presentation of pieces by Debussy and others, expertly bringing a warm atmosphere of in-personness to the virtual concert. Her viewing audience was world wide with log-ins from Belgium, Chile, France, Korea and Thailand as well as from Austin, Bloomington, Chicago, Indianapolis, San Diego, Virginia Beach, South Florida and other USA locales. .

Formerly UPC's Music Director, Jeeyoon is now an award-winning recording artist with two successful albums and her bi-weekly "Journey Through Classical Piano" podcast is a hit. She also has a thriving You Tube Channel which you can enjoy at <https://youtube.com/c/jeeyoonkimpianist>. Plus, there's a free Jeeyoon newsletter so you don't miss a thing! Simply sign up at <http://www.pianistnewsletter.com/> at any time.

Even more exciting, even though Jeeyoon's second solo piano performance at Carnegie Hall in late March was cancelled due to COVID, it's being rescheduled! As soon as the new date is confirmed, it will be noted here in Reaching U.P. and posted on Jeeyoon's website (noted below) and her newsletter.

Jeeyoon will present the final performance of the three virtual, thirty minute concerts on March 14. If you weren't able to sign up and log on for the first and second *30 x 3 Concert*, don't miss the final one! Hurry right over to jeeyoonkim.com and get the details.

Jeeyoon made special arrangements for UPC friends and members to catch the concerts for free. Contact Allen in the church office to get the free admission code. As her star ascends, Jeeyoon hasn't forgotten us!



United Presbyterian Church ❖ March & April Lent Schedule

Due to the pandemic, all services are via Zoom.

Rev. Napoli, the Liturgist, Music Director and Tech persons will present from the Sanctuary.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 7 – 10 a.m.

Holy Communion by Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ;
Liturgist, Deacon Fadi Haddad

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ; Liturgist, Elder Bob Hammel

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli; Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ; Liturgist, Elder Stephanie Worden



Palm Sunday, March 28 – 10 a.m.

Rev. John Napoli
Guest Artist Paula Wilson, flute
Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ
Liturgist, Deacon Vera Heitink

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, April 1 – 7 p.m.

Rev. John Napoli
Guest Artist Shelley Armer, viola
Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 2 – 7 p.m.

Rev. John Napoli
Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ

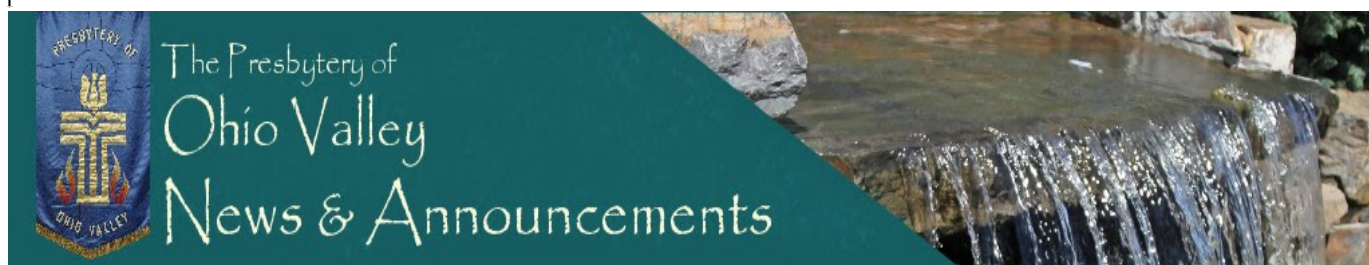


Easter Worship Service, April 4 – 10 a.m.

Holy Communion served by Rev. John Napoli
Guest Artist Sofia Kim, violin
Benjamin Watkins, piano and organ;
Liturgist, Elder Alejandra Haddad

Readers:

Raja Hanania–Arabic Elder Gerrit Heitink–Dutch;
Elder Alejandra Haddad–Spanish Rev. John Napoli – English
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April 17th Assembly Online

The next Assembly will take place beginning 9:30 a.m. (ET) on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held online.

Registration for the Assembly will be available on the Presbytery of Ohio Valley website, starting March 15th. On that date, log on to www.presbyteryov.org for details and to register.

Please Help with the 2021 Per Capita

The Per Capita is an annual contribution made to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, General Assembly, and Synod for the services and support they provide to UPC. The church owes \$2,728 for this year for our 62 members. Any of you that can contribute \$44 per family member are encouraged to. As always, thanks for your generous contributions, both monetary and otherwise, that keep UPC going!

Thanks and blessings,
Andy Hill, Treasurer

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mar 8 Michelle Heitink
Mar 10 Bob & Sue Lorimer Anniversary
Mar 16 Deborah Heitink
Mar 30 Travis Bauer



January Financial Report

January financial results came in under expectations. Income was \$10,653 and expenses were \$11,091 giving us a deficit of \$438 for the month. Normally, we get a bump up from people making a one-time donation early in the year. That hasn't happened yet. Hopefully, things will pick up as the year goes on.

Don Root



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

Dear Members of the Eastside Neighborhood Association:

RE: City's proposed zoning changes have been established. Being forwarded to the Plan Commission.

In particular, under the new zoning within the Eastside Neighborhood, the entire block between Atwater and E 3rd is now set to be zoned R4, whereas previously it was R3.

There are substantial text changes in what plexes are (conditionally) permitted in various zones. Information regarding text changes can be found here:

https://bloomington.in.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/ZO-09-21_RedLine.pdf

In particular, duplexes (up to 6 bedrooms) are now set to be conditionally permitted (which essentially means permitted if all ordinance details are met) in R1-R4, and 4-plexes (up to 12 bedrooms) and group homes are conditionally permitted in R4. In many cases the required setbacks have been reduced (that is, structures can be closer to property lines). There are other details in the document; please see the document linked above.

The first public hearing of the Plan Commission is scheduled for March 8, 2021, at 5:30pm. A Zoom link and full details regarding the proposed changes are here:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/planning/udo/map>

The ENA Steering Committee presently focuses on informing and bringing together the residents of the Eastside neighborhood, not on advocacy for or against particular issues. At this time the membership of the ENA only represents a fraction of total Eastside residents, and therefore the ENA cannot presume to represent the opinions of a majority of the residents of the Eastside neighborhood on any specific issue. There are other organizations and outlets for advocacy. There is a website expressing opposition to the proposed UDO here: <https://stopbtownupzoning.org/> There is a website expressing support for the proposed UDO here: <https://www.neighborsunited.info/> The Opinion page of the Herald-Times has had many guest columns and letters to the editor regarding this issue. Anyone of any opinion may contact members of the City Council (see contact info at <https://bloomington.in.gov/council>), the Mayor (see contact info at <https://bloomington.in.gov/departments/office-of-the-mayor>), the Plan Commission (see contact info <https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/plan>), and the Planning & Transportation Dept (see contact info at <https://bloomington.in.gov/departments/planning-and-transportation>). Eastside Neighborhood Association, Eastside-Bloomington.org



Dear UPC,

Please accept our humble donation. We participate in a 12 step group as well as the Self Realization Fellowship group and look forward to meeting in person again at whatever point we're safely able to do so.

We hope all in the congregation as well as the staff are well. Thank you for your service to the community.

Cecelia and Morris Buckley [NOTE: A \$50 donation check was included]



Dear UPC Congregation,

You gave \$520 in 2020 to support Nyaka's work with communities in southwest Uganda. Thank you!

2020 was a difficult year . . . but your donation allowed us to provide even more services to the Nyaka community. Following government directives, we were delighted to welcome some classes back after a period of lockdown. We continue to support the rest of our students and grandmothers through home and outreach visits. We stepped up our efforts to support survivors of sexual and gender-based violence as the pandemic and lockdown increased the likelihood of experiencing violence.

Despite challenges . . . we expanded the grandmother program to 15,000 grandmothers, caring for 80,000 children. We completed the science labs at Nyaka Vocational and Secondary School and have big plans for 2021!

Your donation gave grandmothers, orphans and vulnerable kids tools to pull themselves out of poverty.

Thanks for making a difference in 2020! This year we celebrate 20 years of Nyaka—the best is yet to come!

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, Founder & CEO Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project

More . . . We Get Letters



P.O. Box 2026
Bloomington, IN 47402

January 28, 2021

United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington
Reverend John Napoli
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Dear Reverend,
Thank you so much for your generous contributions in support of the following Bloomington Rotary Foundation's funds listed below.

Rotary Toast to Bob Hammel 2020-21	11/12/2020	<u>250.00</u>
		250.00

Thanks to the support from donors like you, The Bloomington Rotary Foundation is able to continue to support many wonderful causes in the Bloomington community.

The Bloomington Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No good or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation.

Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.
Thank you again for your kind contribution.
Sincerely, Kyla Cox-Deckard, Treasurer, 2019-21



Dear Friends at UPC,
MCUM is pleased to announce that we not only reached our year-end goal, but surpassed it with flying colors! Throughout the campaign we received over \$164,000 in donations. THANK YOU!

UPC's specific impact on MCUM in 2020 was 523 pounds of food and cleaning/hygiene supplies and \$220 in financial support.

I'm pleased to introduce you to MCUM's four new board members:

Susan Siena teaches at the O'Neil School of of Public and Environmental Affairs and represents Trinity Episcopal Church.

Julie Beasley is completing a Master of Public Affairs degree at IU and will serve on the Personnel Committee. She represents Bloomington North Rotary Club.

Rachel Scott is a Compass Learning Center parent offering MCUM a new perspective on the board as she serves on the Program Committee.

April Stillwell is an elementary school administrative assistant and will serve on the Fundraising Committee. She loves to volunteer at Opportunity House which is what brought her to MCUM.

Sincerely, Mary Jean Holwager, Development Director, Monroe County United Ministries
[Editor's Note: Mary Jean began maternity leave in mid-February. During her absence, Madison Silver will be standing in at msilver@mcum.org or 812-339-3429 x 16]

Looking Back, Looking Forward, Being Here Now

January 19, 2021 by Maggie Harmon

[Provided to UPC by Presbyterian Foundation and shared here as it remains topical two months later]

For me, the month of January is always a time of contemplating the beginning, a place from which to start. Just as the sun has started to turn back to the north we are inclined toward renewal and think of beginning again.

As I think about beginning, I always find it difficult to consider that word without my mind reciting, “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...” which leads to another pause and reflection: God did not create humans first, but last and with a special task of caring for the good world that came before us. Even in our very creation, our beginning, there was something that required us to look back, to look at what came before in order to understand our role and place in time:

“God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth *and subdue it.*”

The word ‘subdue’ is a little tricky with connotations of control that can be uncomfortable, but there is a less common use of the word that I find helpful in understanding what is being asked of us: ‘to bring under cultivation, to care for and support.’ When we are being instructed to go forth and *subdue* the existing creation God is charging us to care, to cultivate, *to help grow* – indeed to be careful stewards of all that is. Also, worth noting though, is that cultivating is not the same as preserving. Growth requires change; we are constantly moving.

January then becomes, in an important way, a time for readying oneself at the beginning for the task of caring for that we are called to in the very essence of our existence. We are looking ahead to our task even as we seek to understand what has come before.

Culturally there is a collective movement toward this contemplation and planning in the act of making resolutions for the new year. What do I want to do moving forward? Who do I want to be, and how do I want to be? To answer these questions and to effectively make any change, it is necessary to reflect on where we have been and what has been true. If we go back to thinking about our charge in Genesis, it is necessary to take the time to get to know and to understand all the beings of the earth who were there before us in order to provide proper care.

The ancient Roman deity Janus, who is often associated with the month of January, is responsible for guiding people in beginnings and endings, through passages and transitions. Across cultures, the deities who are guardian of births are commonly the guides of death; and in our faith, the birth of Jesus is marked by a gift of myrrh that presages the death he must pass through in order to unify our life in God. Endings and beginning and endings all keep happening together even as we live in the moment where we are.

January is a time of beginning, a new year, a new sun cycle, even as it marks an ending. What does this mean for us in the church, how does this inform and support the work we have been tasked with from our beginning: caring for creation?

Too often we react with a binary response to the end/beginning of the year: “out with the old and in with the new” we proclaim, or longing for what has passed keeps us from being fully in the present.

I would suggest that in-between looking backward and forward we find presence, the place where we are supposed to be as stewards. Stewardship requires “being” in the time-space-place in which you find yourself, right now. You need to care for what is before you, tending to the needs of now even as you lay the foundation for what is to come. And we do this by building on the experience of the past. We learn from where we have been in order to effectively take the actions needed to guide us to where it is we want to go. To be an effective,

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caring, careful steward, you must be present to what is, neither stuck in the past longing, nor so far into the future that the work of today is neglected. It is the great balance of right now, with knowledge and awareness.

As the church, as followers of and seekers for the way of Jesus, this means we can do as he did in the totality of our stewardship: we can look to the past to guide us, we can respond to the needs that are present in front of us, and we can build up the foundations to support those yet to come. With love to guide us, we are fully attuned to being God's hands in our world, working to make the path easier for those who will come after us. May this year, and every year, be your time of presence and hope.

Maggie serves as the [Ministry Relations Officer](#) for the Southwest. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars/workshops, develops fundraising plans and coaches finance, steward-

Holy Days and Holidays

Reflections for Members and Friends of the POV — The Rev'd. Susan C. McGhee, Executive Presbyterian

Ash Wednesday — One of my favorite traditions during my years of pastoral ministry in Morgantown, West Virginia, was the community Lenten lunch and study. First Baptist Church served as our host, and each congregation took its turn preparing the soup and sandwiches. Ministers took their turn leading the study. I looked forward to gathering with friends and colleagues and neighbors every Wednesday, as we ate together, visited with one another, and joined in study and prayer.

Part of the tradition was a community Ash Wednesday service. Father Kirk Haas, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, served as the officiant. As we finished our lunch, he would give us each a slip of paper and a pencil, and invite us to spend a few moments in personal reflection. What might try to keep us from observing a holy Lent this year? What might we need to let go of? What burdens or barriers might there be for us? What wounds or wonderings? What fear or failing? If we wished, we could write these down on the slips of paper, crumple them up and place them in an urn. Kirk dropped a match into that urn, and we watched as our words turned into ash. We came forward and he made the sign of the cross on our foreheads with the ash. We left the church in silence, and went about the rest of our day. That night, as I washed my face before going to bed, I looked one more time at the cross of ashes, and I realized something that had never occurred to me before: I had been wearing on my forehead all day the burdens, barriers, wounds, wonderings, fears, and failings of all those who had gathered together for the service. What had been a very personal reflection earlier that day had now become a shared experience. This Lenten journey is one that we would take together.

Fast-forward to the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one. Some of us may gather together and receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads, but many will not. As I sit down to my simple supper of chicken soup this evening, I will offer some prayers and place a cross of ashes on my own forehead. It won't be anything like any other Ash Wednesday I've ever experienced. I won't be wearing the collective burdens, barriers, wounds, wonderings, fears, and failings of the rest of the community. Or will I?

If I've learned anything through this pandemic, I've learned that there is a spiritual connection that is stronger than I ever knew possible. I have learned the power of intention, of seeking and finding. As I sit down with my soup and my prayers and the ashes, I will also sit down with the intention of connecting with you. I will do so trusting in the Holy Spirit who binds us together in love.

Though we may sometimes feel alone these days, we are nonetheless united: our wounds and our wonderings, our fears and our failures, as well as our hopes and our dreams, our love and our faith. Please know that I hold you in my heart this Ash Wednesday, and throughout this season on Lent.

The Worship Team will continue implementing UPC's longtime tradition of flowers in the Sanctuary each Sunday throughout 2021.

Sponsors are needed!

Those wishing to sponsor Sanctuary Flowers for a particular Sunday may simply email upcbloomington@gmail.com or call the church office at 812-332-1850 to make a reservation.

Sanctuary Flowers enhance the worship experience.

The Lenten Season is an excellent time to dedicate flowers to the memory of a loved one. Sanctuary Flowers may also mark a celebration such as a birthday, anniversary, baptism, promotion, graduation or other milestone of life.

Mary M's Walnut House Flowers will continue to provide the arrangements. Cost is \$25 which includes delivery. Once the reservation is made in the church office, the Worship Team

will place the order and arrange for delivery of the arrangement to the church.

Sponsors may also provide their own floral arrangements if they wish.



"JUST SITTING AROUND FEELING GUILTY...
HOW ABOUT YOU?"



Because Healing Empowers

“Mama O” is a survivor, a healer.

Her moment of greatest need led her to [Black Women’s Blueprint](#), a civil and human rights organization headquartered in Brooklyn, New York. Since 2008, Black Women’s Blueprint is specifically focused on the needs of Black women and girls. At 65 years of age, Mama O is among the eldest survivors of sexual violence in the organization.

Despite living with the lifelong trauma that results from sexual violence, Mama O is a pillar of strength for other survivors, both young and old. Our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are helping Black Women’s Blueprint in its vital mission to take action on social justice issues and to deliver educational resources and support services to women like Mama O. Through their work, they seek to address the unique struggles of [Black women and girls](#) within the context of the larger racial justice concerns of Black communities.

“Through all of Mama O’s ups and downs, she returns to community, holistically and ever-present,” said Sevonna M. Brown, the organization’s associate executive director. “She has continued to contribute creative healing arts and spiritual intercessory prayer on behalf of our survivor communities, carrying us through transitions, challenges and triumphs.”

The Rev. Alonzo Johnson, coordinator for the [Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People](#), the organization’s partner, says, “Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, Black Women’s Blueprint continues to be out in the community addressing issues of trauma and providing things like food and housing assistance that people need in order to be whole.”

Mama O is just one example among the many women who now bless and lift up others, an ongoing benefit of the organization’s partnership with the PC(USA), for which Brown is especially grateful.

“We want to share our gratitude for the continued leadership that the One Great Hour of Sharing and Self-Development of People partnerships have shown over the years,” said Brown. “We are hopeful that times will grow brighter, and that we will come out on the other side of this with more wisdom, care, compassion and strategies for healing our communities and walking hand in hand towards a future of greater possibilities and opportunities to center survivors as the key to community thriving and justice.”

Thanks to our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, programs like Black Women’s Blueprint are lifting up women just like Mama O. Every gift makes a difference in the life of someone who deserves God’s love and support; someone who deserves our love and support. *We are the Church, together.* And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

May our healing spring up quickly, as the prophet Isaiah proclaims. May these gifts, God our physician, be a balm and medication for your people and your world. Amen.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AT UPC

It has been a tradition at UPC to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during the Easter Sunday worship service. Special envelopes were inserted in the Easter Bulletin and worshippers used them to place their offering in the plates as ushers moved through the congregation. Can’t do that this year, can we!

Just before Lent, the Worship Team mailed Lent Packets to the UPC mail list. The packets contained the 2021 Lent devotional and token, two detail fliers on the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and its special envelope plus an envelope addressed to UPC for return mail at your convenience. Please review those items.

If you didn’t receive a Lent Packet, let Allen know by contacting the church office — 812-332-1850.