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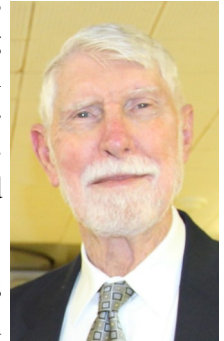
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United Presbyterian Has Lost a Pillar

Billy Eugene Rhoades, PhD

September 27, 1928 – May 7, 2021

Billy Eugene Rhoades, 92, of Bloomington, went to be with The Lord on Friday, May 7, 2021. He was born September 27, 1928 in Lima, Ohio to Fern Pickering and Raymond G. Rhoades. Billy was his birth name, not a nickname, and he preferred being addressed as Billy. He graduated from Lima Central High School in 1946 and served two years as a bandman (saxophone) in the Army. He played both the baritone saxophone and piano. These God-given skills led to his meeting and then marrying his wife, Mary Lou.



He has made Bloomington his home for over 50 years with Mary Lou. He married her on August 25, 1949 and she survives. They raised their two children here, Mary Fern and Raymond. Mary Fern preceded her father in death in 2019. Raymond married Martha and had two children, Paul and Carolyn; and they all survive. He was also preceded in death by his two brothers, Robert and Raymond Rhoades.



Ebenezer Lutheran Church
South Carolina, August

From 1948 until 1951, he attended Ohio Northern University, graduating with distinction, a major in mathematics and a minor in physics. After two years at Rutgers (M.S. in mathematics, 1953), he began teaching full time at Lafayette College and simultaneously working for his Pd.D. from Lehigh University. Billy received his doctoral degree in 1958 under the direction of A. Wilansky. He remained at Lafayette College as an Assistant Professor until 1965. During this period, Billy became increasingly involved in Mathematics Education, an interest that has continued

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throughout his career.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jun 3 Julie Hammel

Jun 7 Pastor John & Sarah Napoli Anniversary

Jun 23 Sami Haddad

Jun 4 Souheil & Alejandra Haddad Anniversary

Jun 8 Phillip Addison

Jun 23 Dania Parker

Jun 5 Fadi and Aline Haddad Anniversary

Jun 12 Rachel Bauer, Allen Pease

Jun 27 Thomas Tadao Like

Jun 6 Jane Hammel Priest

Jun 21 Bill and Stephanie Worden Anniversary

Jun 27 Andy Hill

Jun 7 Aida Haddad

Jun 22 Robert and Julie Hammel Anniversary

Jun 29 Raja Hanania

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

April was somewhat better than March, but expenses still exceeded income. April income was \$10,920 and expenses were \$12,075, giving us a net income of negative \$1,155 for April. While we are still positive for the year to date at \$736, this is nowhere near enough to sustain us through the lean summer months. Please keep your giving up to date so we can continue to avoid dipping into our investment portfolio to cover operating expenses.

It's that time of year again, when we ask those who are able, to pay their per-capita, which is \$44 per member for this year.

Don Root

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.

Zoom Meetings

Contact the church at upcbloomington@gmail.com to get signed up to receive email invites for Sunday worship, Tuesday Bible study, Thursday prayer meeting, and more!

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.

Treasurer Assistant

If you are interested in helping count and process donations and other treasurer duties, please contact Andy Hill at andy@andyhill.us

Achieving Remarkable Goals ...

After earning degrees in Colombia and Iowa, Alejandra Haddad brought her DDS to Bloomington with her husband, Souheil Haddad, MD. She established a successful and still flourishing dental practice, raised three children – Aida, Sami and Yasmina – and became an active member of United Presbyterian. While accomplishing all this, Alejandra earned a degree in Pastoral Studies from Louisville Theological Seminary in 2005.



Then she set yet another goal: To earn degrees in spiritual direction and in theology while raising their children, maintaining and expanding the dental practice and serving UPC

as well as the Presbytery of Ohio Valley in many capacities from year to year. And that's exactly what she did!

Alejandra received a degree in Spiritual Direction in June of 2020 from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Then, due to her exceptional work while pursuing the degree in theology and scoring a Perfect on her thesis, Alejandra was asked to be the keynote speaker at Saint Meinrad's 2021 com-



A joyful Alejandra with Master of Arts in Theology degree in hand!



mencement. She now holds a rare distinction – being the keynote speaker at the very ceremony where she received her Master of Arts in Theology degree.

Hearty congratulations are certainly due to UPC's own Alejandra Spir Haddad.

Brava!

Above we see Alejandra addressing the graduates at the May 8, 2021 St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology Commencement Ceremony. Though attendance was restricted by COVID-19, Alejandra's husband Souheil attended and we thank him for the fine photos included in this report. Forty-six graduates, including Alejandra, were awarded master's degrees at the commencement ceremony. The beautiful, historic campus which features magnificent architecture, statuary and fine art, is located in St. Meinrad, Indiana near Jasper.



CLASS OF 2021

WE CONGRATULATE EACH OF OUR GRADUATES
THERE WILL BE A BOX FOR EACH GRAD AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DROP THEM A NOTE OR A CARD.



ALEXANDER LIKE
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
BACHELOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Cum Laude
MINORS IN BIOMECHANICS AND
BIOENGINEERING

Alexander would like to find a job involving prosthetics or something to do with his interest in the out of doors. His college years were highlighted with a newfound interest in rock climbing and a semester abroad in Australia cut short last year because of Covid-19.



YASMINA E. HADDAD
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Yasmina is now a research associate in the international development division of the
American Institutes for Research.



ALEJANDRA HADDAD

SAINT MEINRAD SEMINARY

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

Alejandra is planning to continue practicing spiritual direction.



CHRISTABEL NYARKO

BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

Christabel will be attending Indiana University in the fall.



DOYEON PARK

BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH

Doyeon will be attending UCLA in the fall.

An Amazing Twenty Years for Nyaka!

A Message From The Founder and CEO, Twesigye Jackson Kaguri

Nyaka is celebrating 20 years this year on August 6th, 2021. It's a huge achievement given the fact that in these 20 years I have not lived in Uganda for more than one month straight. That makes Nyaka an organization that has worked remotely before "working remotely" or "Zoom" were in our regular vocabulary.



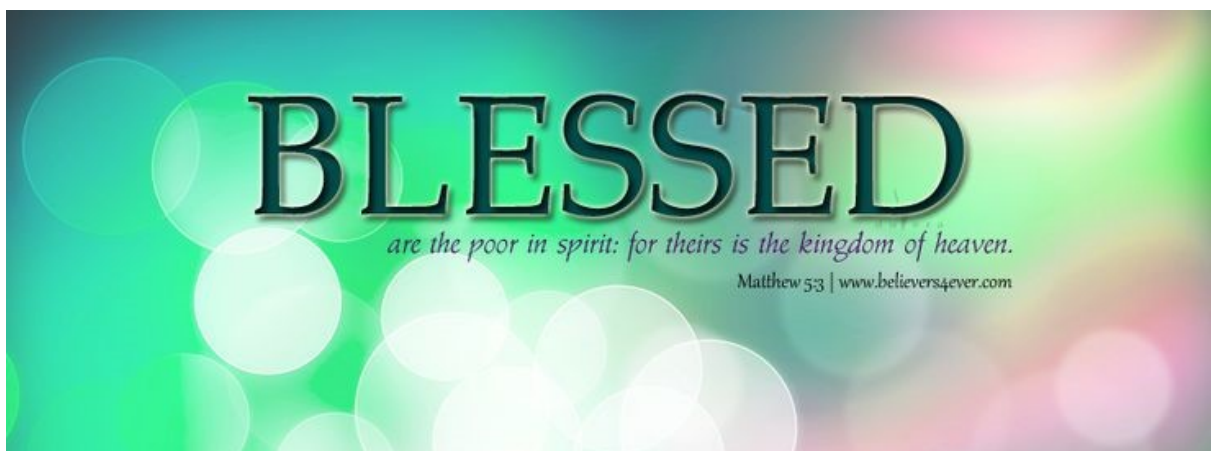
However, over these years, I have been a frequent visitor to Nyaka. When COVID-19 started in March 2020, I was in Uganda. Immediately after I left, airports closed and I was unable to return for many months. Once lockdown restrictions eased and travel became possible again, I went back to Uganda to visit Nyaka programs and check on my mother. Unfortunately, my mother passed away on December 21, 2020.

I am delighted to be able to travel to Uganda more regularly. On my recent trip this spring, I enjoyed visiting the students, grandmothers and staff at Nyaka and seeing in person all of the work that has taken place to help support and empower grandmothers and students during the pandemic. During this trip, I also met with the new American Ambassador, Natalie Brown. I, along with Country Director, Jennifer Nantale, shared Nyaka's transformational work that many of you have supported over the years.

I also had very fruitful meetings with representatives of several government ministries. Nyaka is actively working and seeking partnerships through government, non-profit, and for-profit organizations to help us expand and develop our life-changing work into more districts.

Student Story:

Meet A.D, A Senior Five (Grade 11 Equivalent) Student At Nyaka Vocational Secondary School (NVSS) When A.D. was just a 14-year-old senior one student, she was sexually assaulted while retrieving vegetables for dinner in her family's garden. After her assault, A.D. returned home and to school, but kept quiet about the assault. Soon teachers noticed something was wrong and she later learned she was pregnant. Administrators informed her mother and this forced A.D. to speak out about her attack. Her mother immediately turned to our Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) program for help. The SGBV team found and arrested the perpetrator. A.D. gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby, but faced challenges providing food for her infant. The SGBV program provided milk for her child. A.D says, "I don't know what I would have done without [the SGBV program], thank you so much. God bless you.



Thanks UPC! Kiwanis event to benefit Keith Klein Memorial Fund a success . . .

The driveway and parking lot of UPC were busy Saturday, May 22 with vehicles and pedestrians picking up pancake breakfasts and Kiwanis Kid's Goodie Bags before viewing the four antique cars on display. It was all part of the 2021 No Contact, Social Distancing, Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast presented by Kiwanis Club of Bloomington and the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools. The event benefited the FMCCS Keith Klein Memorial Fund and Kiwanis Outreach Programs.

Assisting Kiwanis were Community Partners Culver's, ING 2nd Battalion 150th Field Artillery, Ivy Tech Community College, WGCL and Associate Community Partners Drs. Fadi & Aline Haddad, Drs. Souheil & Alejandra Haddad, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and UPC. WTIU-TV assisted with the Kid's Station.



Children stopped at the Kid's Station staffed by Mrs. Indiana Justus Kelley and Miss Indiana Princess Geneva Mazhandu. Free Goodie Bags contained crayons, balloon and candy from Kiwanis; coloring book from the Monroe County Sheriff; free custard coupon from Culver's; Friday Kid's Zone pencils and stickers from WTIU-TV; cookie cutter from UPC; tote bag with sunglasses from the National Guard and a WGCL map.

Klein, a member of the MCCSC Board of Directors, was an active supporter of Kiwanis. To honor Keith's legacy a memorial fund was created by FMCCS to support journalism and broadcasting programs within the MCCSC. The proceeds were divided between this exact fund and Kiwanis Outreach Programs.

For the antique auto display, UPC's parking lot was decorated with a 1914 Model T Ford, 1925 Model T, 1930 four door Model A and a 1931 two door Model A.

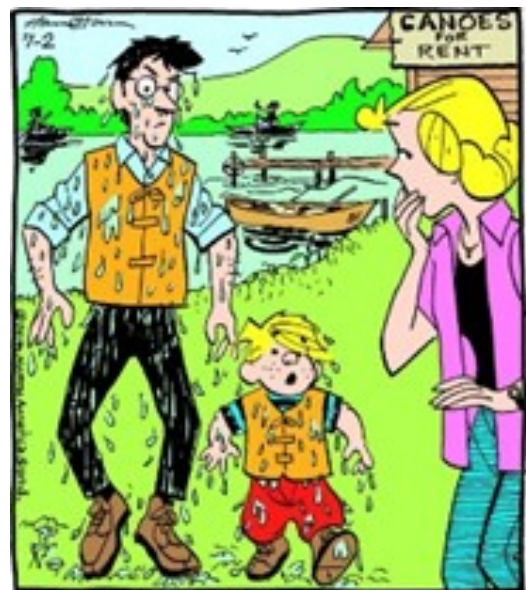


Kiwanis Club of Bloomington was heartened by the number of UPCers who either drove through or mailed checks to support the event. The entire Kiwanis membership sends their gratitude to UPC.

Happy Father's Day!



"YOU'RE MY DAD'S BOSS? HE SAYS YOU'RE THE REASON MY ALLOWANCE IS SO LOW!"



"I LEARNED IF YOU DROP YOUR PADDLE, DON'T REACH OVER TO GET IT."

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From 1963 to 1965, he was granted leave from Lafayette College to serve as the Associate Director (and subsequently, as Director) of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (CUPM) in



70th Wedding Anniversary
UPC Fellowship Hall August 2019
Cake made by Linda Brown using the
couple's favorite color—green.

Berkley, CA, which was a powerful force in mathematics education reform for many years.

After a two-year assignment with CUPM, Billy accepted a teaching position with Indiana University – Bloomington, leading to a tenured status in the Mathematics Department. While in Indiana, Billy associated himself closely with all aspects of pedagogy and mathematics education. He was assistant chairman for undergraduate affairs, and took charge of T.A.'s (=A.I.'s) for some time. He coordinated the dialogue between the Mathematics Department and the Education School. He supervised the Master of Arts in Teaching program during his entire career at Indiana. At the same time, Billy remained active outside the university on committees and panels, speaking widely on mathematics education to sectional meetings of the Mathematical Association of America and the National Council of Teachers. He was the Director of the Academic Year Institutes

program sponsored by the National Science Foundation, and he served as Director of the Institutes for Negro College Teachers from 1969 to 1970.

Teaching was only part of his professional life. Billy has remained active as a research mathematician, and he had recently traveled as a Fulbright Fellow to Hungary and Nigeria. He has published over 150 papers, mainly in his fields of Summability and Fixed Point Theory. He had a remarkably meticulous filing system stored on 3x5 note cards. Every Wednesday afternoon, Billy could be seen in the Swain Hall Library pouring over journals, updating the cards, cross-referencing the information. He was generous in sharing that information with others, and he was especially keen to encourage younger colleagues at institutions which lack the fine library facilities that we enjoy at Indiana. Often when Billy traveled to other institutions he could be seen leaving Bloomington with a stack of cards many inches thick.

Billy was a master of classical Summability Theory. Some years ago when Paul Halmos was giving a popular (for mathematicians!) talk on Matrices I Have Met, Paul raised the question: Does the Cesaro matrix have a square root? It was a typical Halmos puzzle – simple to state, but irritatingly unknown to the audience. Billy, using his vast knowledge of Summability Theory, easily showed the answer was yes, and was able to describe explicitly the square root.

In 1972, Billy took a year's sabbatical with his family, spending the first half near Stuttgart, Germany, with Fellowship support. The last half was in Tel Aviv, Israel, holding a faculty research position. Touring the Holy Land gave the family lasting memories which remain vivid for Raymond to this day. The Holy Land tours also produced multiple slide carousels of Billy's photography of the sweeping landscapes and fascinating and awe inspiring historical and Biblical landmarks. ([Continued p. 9](#))



Reception for Jeeyoon Kim concert

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Billy was not just involved with the university; he was also an active member for 56 years at the historic United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. He and Mary Lou became members in November, 1965



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
UPC Fellowship Hall
February 2020

and Billy served on the synod and enthusiastically served UPC as an elder. He was a presence on many UPC committees and actively participated, as did Mary Lou, in many of the church's programs and fellowship activities including the UPC Language Partners Program. Never losing his love for music, Billy sang in the Chancel Choir for over twenty years and supported the many musicians in the congregation by faithfully attending their recitals, concerts and other performances. He was truly a Pillar of the Church, remaining an integral part of the congregation until shortly before his passing. Billy and Mary Lou attended UPC's masked, socially distanced Easter Sunday service on April 4th.

He was an avid tennis player, and loved sports of all kinds. For many years, he had tickets to IU basket-

ball, football, and soccer.

Billy will be remembered as a man of integrity, loved by his wife and family, respected by his colleagues worldwide and believing on the sure promises of God which are Yea and Amen in Christ.

The family has chosen cremation with no funeral services at this time.

A Tribute to Dr. Billy Rhoades, officiated by Reverend John Napoli, was part of UPC's Sunday morning worship service on May 16. In-person tributes were presented by Allen Pease, Darian McBride, John Swanson, Bob Hammel and Valerie and Rick Mitchell. Members of the congregation and Rev. Napoli read tributes sent from afar by Souheil and Alejandra Haddad and children, Jan Berend Heitink, Steve Junken, Evelyn Foster, Jen and Bill McDonald, Sam and Dina Sipes and Teri and Wayne Smith. At the families request, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* was played on the piano by James LaVelle. Billy's son Raymond Rhoades presented a from-the-heart, touching, inspiring and loving tribute. Reverend Napoli closed the tribute with a farewell and Prayer of Commendation. Memorial contributions may be made to the general fund of United Presbyterian Church, 1701 E 2nd St, Bloomington, IN 47401, in memory of Billy. Arrangements are entrusted to The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard in Bloomington.



Billy had five loves: God, his family, math, music and pie! He was happy to serve as a judge for UPC's 2018 Tastiest Pie Contest along with Miss IU Sophia Padgett.