

# Reaching UP

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## *United Presbyterian Has Lost a Pillar*

Francis “Judie” Iverson

September 7, 1940 – June 26, 2021

Frances “Judie” Iverson died peacefully in her Bloomington home in the company of family and dear friends.



Judie was born and raised in Bloomington, Indiana, and moved with her family to Los Angeles, California, when she was 16. There she met her husband, Charles and raised a family. An avid lover of music and art, she held season tickets to the major performing venues of Southern California and supported artists, arts organizations and musicians throughout her life. During her years in California, she dedicated her volunteer hours to improving the lives of others as a member of the service sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, as well as working as Organizer and Fundraiser for the National Veterans Foundation. A talented artist, she painted for friends and family in her spare time and loved good music, good food, good company and good jazz.

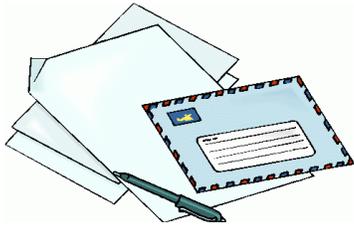
She moved back home to Bloomington following the death of her husband, where her brother, sister, and many extended family members reside. She loved the green of the hills, the changes in season, and the nearness of family. She continued to support the arts in Bloomington, volunteered for many years with the Monroe County History Center and was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Bloomington.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles J. Iverson; her parents Herman F. Mulryan & Carrie Lucille Martin Young and her brother William F. Mulryan. She is survived by her sister, Patricia J. Moore, of Eldon, Missouri; her children, Krista Detor, of Bloomington, IN; and Robert J. Iverson, of Las Vegas, NV; her grandchildren Jeremy A. Iverson, Ryan C. Iverson, Aurora K. Detor, her step-grandchildren Lena R. Weber, and Isla D. Weber; as well as many extended family members throughout the country.



UPC’s 2017 Easter Breakfast staff: Judie, Alejandra and Lou.

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## **We Get Letters**

Let us hear from you. Drop your letter off at the church during office hours  
Or  
Email it to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com) — Reaching UP on subject line.

Dear United Presbyterian Church,

This year Bloomington Reformed Presbyterian Church is celebrating 200 years of our existence. I am writing to invite you and your congregation to join our bicentennial anniversary celebrating God's work in establishing and preserving us to testify to His truth and goodness over the last two centuries.

We are planning a homecoming weekend, August 6, 7, 8, 2021 at the church building.

On Friday at 7 p.m., a choir from our congregation will perform. As a psalm singing a cappella congregation, this is to give outsiders a greater understanding of our public worship, followed by refreshments.

On Saturday morning, there will be two historical lectures and an exhibition at the church. We look forward to having Professor David Whitla (Church History Professor from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh) speak on the history of the Covenanters at 9:30 a.m. and Pastor James Faris (Second Indianapolis RPC) speak on his ancestor — The first minister of the Bloomington Reformed Presbyterian Church: The Rev. James Faris. In the afternoon, from 1 to 3 p.m., some of our young people will lead storytelling tours at the Covenanter Cemetery with scavenger hunts for children.

On the Lord's Day, we will hear from previous living pastors at our Sunday school hour 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and then gather to worship God together at 10:45 a.m. followed by lunch. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact us at [bloomingtonrpcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtonrpcchurch@gmail.com).

Blessings, Pastor Phillip McCollum

Bloomington Reformed Presbyterian Church, 302 E. First Street, Bloomington, IN 47401; 812-339-1922

Dear UPC family,

Thank you for all the prayers for my dad and my family which gave us strength and hope during his treatment and recovery. He is doing much better and looking forward to seeing you all again.

Peace and blessings,  
Andy and the Hill family

## UPC Memorials & Tributes

Very often, memorials are made to United Presbyterian Church in loving memory of a departed soul from UPC's family or in memory of a loved one of a UPC member. In addition, tributes are occasionally made to the church to honor a member for some achievement such as a promotion or graduation or for a social distinction such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays or parenthood. These contributions will be acknowledged in Reaching UP to further honor those remembered.

May 2021

Memory of Billy Rhoades, PhD: September 27, 1928—May 7, 2021

Richard & Marcie Hammel

Norman & Mary Alice Crampton

Virginia McCartney

June 2021

Memory of Frances "Judie" Iverson: September 7, 1940—June 26, 2021

Bob & Julie Hammel

Allen Pease

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jul 2 Lucinda Wyman

Jul 3 Benjamin Heitink

Jul 7 Logan McCloud Worden

Jul 11 Alejandra Haddad

Jul 16 Patrick Nyarko

Jul 25 Melanie Mathis McBride

Jul 27 Hye-Ryoung Kwon



### MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Our donors were very generous in May. Income was \$22,976 and expenses were \$15,044, giving us a net income of \$7,932 for May and \$8,668 for the year to date. This is a good start for the upcoming summer months which tend to be lean. Your continued support is always appreciated.

Don Root



## Lights! Camera! Action! Movies with Meaning!

Thursdays in July! 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. FREE!

### July 15 — **The Straight Story** (1999)

A retired farmer and widower in his 70s, Alvin Straight (Richard Farnsworth) learns that his distant brother Lyle (Harry Dean Stanton) has suffered a stroke and may not recover. Alvin is determined to make things right with Lyle while he still can, but his brother lives in Wisconsin, while Alvin is stuck in Iowa with no car and no driver's license. Then he hits on the idea of making the trip on his old lawnmower, thus beginning a picturesque and at times deeply spiritual odyssey. Rated G – General Audiences. Some mild language, tobacco, and alcohol usage.

### July 22 — **Finding Forrester** (2000)

A unique relationship develops between an eccentric, reclusive novelist (Sean Connery) and a young, amazingly gifted scholar-athlete (Rob Brown). After the novelist discovers that the young athlete is also an excellent writer and secretly takes him on as his protégé, they develop an unlikely friendship. As they learn more about each other, they learn more about themselves, and ultimately, with the help of his new mentor, the basketball star must choose the right path. Rated PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some strong language, including racist commentary and themes. Some tobacco and alcohol usage.



### July 29 — **42** (2013)

In 1946, Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), legendary manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, defies major league baseball's notorious color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson (Chadwick Boseman) to the team. The heroic act puts both Rickey and Robinson in the firing line of the public, the press and other players. Facing open racism from all sides, Robinson demonstrates true courage and admirable restraint by not reacting in kind and lets his undeniable talent silence the critics for him. Rated PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. Strong language in the form of racial slurs and racial insults. Some Tobacco and alcohol usage.



To benefit UPC's Guest Artist Program, Pastor will host and lead discussion on a deeper meaning that could be interpreted, relationships depicted, underlying story lines or what is going on that we are not seeing. These are not religious themed movies but every day hits that he finds meaningful. The Worship Team has placed a donation jar for the Guest Artist Program in Fellowship Hall.

Popcorn & snacks won't be served this year. All are welcome to bring your own!

### **Keeping Up with Mary Lou in her new digs!**



Mary Lou Rhoades continues to do well at Bell Trace. Please continue your prayers for her. Sending cards and letters is most appreciated. Mary Lou also loves visitors, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. When you visit, be sure to sign the guest book in her apartment. When Sami Haddad travelled to Bloomington to visit his sisters and parents last month, he made sure he stopped by for a visit with Mary Lou. She was thrilled and they had a great time!

To mail: Mary Lou Rhoades; Bell Trace; 800 N. Bell Trace Circle, #154; Bloomington, IN 47408. To visit: Stop by anytime.



# The Spotlight

## Talent Show Registration

Take your time when filling in your registration form.

Entry forms are due July 16, 2021 by 6 pm via email to [cryofthechildren@gmail.com](mailto:cryofthechildren@gmail.com) or mailed to xxxxxxxxxxx, Bloomington, IN.

Performers (or guardians if under age): By signing and submitting this form, you agree to and will adhere to "The Spotlight" Rules and Regulations and may be subject to disqualification if any rules are broken.

Parents: By signing and submitting this form, you agree to assist and support your child with the creation, practice and preparation for their show. You also agree to help make this experience a success for your child(ren).

### The Spotlight Talent Competition Rules and Regulations

1. Show participants may perform in **ONLY ONE ACT**.
2. Show participants must provide their own props and music.
3. Acts will be allotted no more than FIVE (5) MINUTES to perform. Acts will be PENALIZED if time is exceeded.
4. Participants may only perform ONE time during the show. Any participant who participates in more than one performance will disqualify BOTH acts.
5. NO profanity or vulgar lyrics in any vocal performance or dance music. Keep attire at a respectable and tasteful level. NO alcohol, tobacco, or drug advertisements are to be shown on any clothing. This is a family show!!!
6. NO pyrotechnics, open flames or any other dangerous additions.
7. Sound Technician and microphone(s) will be provided. YOU must provide your own CD music, taped music, instruments, props, keyboard, etc., if needed.

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THESE RULES!**

**Rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Talent Competition organizers.**

Choose one category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Music (Vocal or Instrumental) | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Music (Vocal or Instrumental/Up to 8 participants) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Dance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Dance (up to 5 participants)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Comedy                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Comedy Act (up to 5 participants)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Magic Act                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Magic Act (up to 5 participants)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Variety Show                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Variety Show (up to 5 participants)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Other                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Other  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pet Star (and their human)    |   |

Name of Participant (one form per participant, please)

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Name:

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Act: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age Group:  5 to 8     9 to 12     13 to 18

## *United Presbyterian Loss* (from page 1)

After being active with the congregation for five years, Judie became a member of United Presbyterian Church in February of 2010. She became an ordained Elder and Deacon in addition to chairing the Fellowship and Kitchen Team for many years. Judie was a staunch supporter of UPC's music and guest artist programs. She delighted in her church family.



A Judie favorite! Pitch-in buffet at UPC — August, 2016.

In the community, Judie was active with Kiwanis Club of Bloomington and the Monroe County History Center and served on the board of directors for both organizations. For five years she served as co-chair of the Kiwanis Valentine Auction and was a valuable volunteer annually at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and the Kiwanis Operation: Chili for Children. Judie was a 20-year member at the time of her passing. At the History Center, she was a long-time member of the



UPC friends Brenda & Lisette with Judie at pianist Jeeyoon Kim's concert to benefit the church in 2017. Judie LOVED concerts!

annual Garage Sale Committee, an event she dearly loved and looked forward to each year. Judie was also an active volunteer for Visually Impaired Preschool Services and Indiana Friends of Nyaka, a support group for the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda.

Her love of music was illustrated by the love and support of the music and performances created by her daughter Krista. It was also shown by her passion for the Beatles and Chopin as well as her passion for attending the concerts of Amanda Biggs, pianist Jeeyoon Kim and Carrie Newcomer as well as many other artists.



Her love of travel took her across the country and the world – and she delighted in visiting Ireland, the ancestral home of her father's family, taking great pride in her Irish roots.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and a Celebration to the Life of Judie Iverson was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 3 outdoors at The Hundredth Hill on North Fish Road. The Reverend John Napoli of UPC officiated and family friend The Reverend Roy McRoberts assisted.

Judie was honored for her work as co-chair of the 2009 Kiwanis Valentine Auction with a rose bouquet—her favorite flower.

Pianist Benjamin Watkins opened the service with a rendition of *Hey Jude* followed by Chopin's *Largo* from Sonata #3. Rev. Napoli read scriptures *Psalms 46: 1* and *John 11: 25-26* and presented the

opening prayer. As songbirds sang, chickens clucked and dogs roamed, the assemblage rose and sang *In The Garden*. The Jenny Joseph poem, *When I'm an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple*, was read by Judie's niece Pattijo McBride. Amanda Biggs movingly sang *La Vie Eh Rose* in French and English.

Under a beautiful blue sky, Rev. Napoli opened the tributes with a brief homily and his remembrance of Judie. Several friends, Judie's sister Patricia and daughter Krista added their memories. Rev. McRoberts shared his remembrance and closed with prayer.

Krista and Judie's granddaughter Aurora Detor, sang and played *No Hard Feelings*, written by the Avett Brothers, accompanied by Judie's son-in-law David Weber on a Cajon Drum. (continued on page 7)

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Rev. Napoli then presented the Charge and Blessing followed by the performance of a most appropriate song, *A Gathering of Spirits* by Carrie Newcomer. Not only did she sing it beautifully, she also wrote and composed the piece.



Immediately following, a buffet prepared by family, friends and United Presbyterian members was served. This time of joining the family for food, fellowship and traditional Irish music was enhanced by the live performances of Sam Bartlett and Eric Schedler.

A painter, a poet, a mother, and a true friend, she will live on in the hearts of many, humming 'La Vie En Rose' all the while.



May 6, 2021 Kiwanis Weekly Luncheon. Judie supports the Deck of Cards Benefit Raffle just two months before her passing.

The family is grateful for the good thoughts and prayers of many and gives special thanks to the following for their exceptional support: Sam Bartlett, Amanda Biggs, Kiwanis Club of Bloomington,

Rev. Roy McRoberts, Rev. John Napoli, Carrie Newcomer, Allen Pease, Eric Shedler, UPC congregation, UPC Deacons and Benjamin Watkins.



December 2016. Judie and her big smile ringing the bells at the Kiwanis Station for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign with fellow Kiwanians Allen Pease, Justus Kelley (who held the 2016 Miss IU title) and Thomasina O'Conner.

## The Hundredth Hill



## Congrats UPC on Each One Feed One campaign success!

This year, the Each One, Feed One Food Drive took place June 12th & 13th. It's one of the most important events each year for Monroe County United Ministries. At UPC, we received food, cleaning and personal hygiene item donations each day that week and on Sunday, June 14.



MCUM's Madison Silver and Mary Jean Holwager pick up UPC's EOFO Campaign donations in June.

The Monday following, MCUM staffers Madison Silvers and Mary Jean Holwager stopped by UPC to pick up our donations. A short time later the news was emailed to us — our little church donated a whopping 121 pounds of food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items! Way to go UPC!

In a letter to UPC, Mrs. Holwager explained “As you all know, one of our most commonly-utilized services is our client-choice food pantry, housed within our Self-Sufficiency Center, which distributes over 7,000 pounds of food to MCUM clients every month. Over the past year, we have had to adjust several of our service methods to accommodate for health and safety. We felt that it was important to maintain client-choice and accessibility, so we began offering online ordering and delivery to our neighbors in need.” Each day, we continue to reduce food insecurity for Monroe County residents . . .”

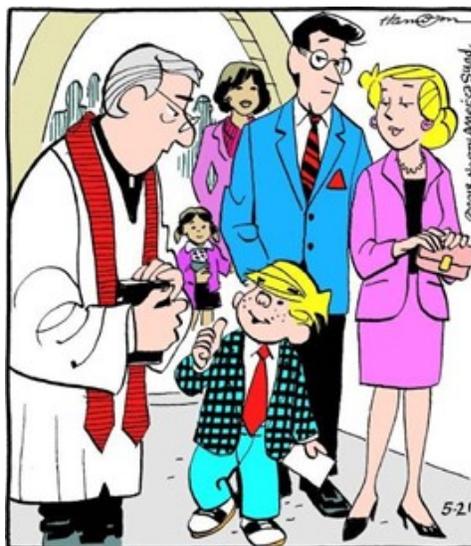
It was also noted that UPC friends and members donated 90 pounds of food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items to MCUM via the UPC Deacons Little Red Wagon in May. You'll find that wagon in the Narthex, ready for donations every day of the week. In addition to the items noted above, MCUM would be delighted to receive paper grocery bags (especially those with handles) as well as reusable tote bags and plastic grocery bags. And, of course, cash donations allow MCUM staff to shop in bulk.

love is...



...when things start to sizzle!

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“GREAT SERMON! YOU DIDN'T GO ON AND ON AND ON THIS TIME.”

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...hanging out together.

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