

Reaching UP

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COVID-19 Update at UPC

On July 20, the United Presbyterian Session Board met and an extensive number of decisions were made regarding dealing with COVID-19.

The UPC overall music program.

The Chancel Choir will remain on leave and we'll continue with no congregational singing. This will be re-evaluated in November. However, Music Director Benjamin Watkins is to begin booking guest artists immediately with the requirement that each be fully vaccinated. Guest artists will be limited to strings — violin, cello, piano, harp, guitar, etc.

Holy Communion

We'll continue Holy Communion with pods (available in the Narthex the first Sunday of every month) and no personal contact through year's end.

The Sunday Bulletin

For both in-person and on line attendees, a hybrid Sunday Bulletin will be created that remains easy to print out for those at home and easy to pick up for those on their way into the Sanctuary.

Hanging Greens, Advent, etc.

The Worship Team will plan Hanging of the Greens and Advent as close to tradition as possible from Christ the King & Hanging of the Greens Sunday November 21 to the 4th Sunday of Advent December 19. Mid-week Advent services will be conducted Tuesday evenings. Christmas Eve Candlelight service will include Holy Communion by pod. Worship Team will work with Rev. Napoli on a safe Circle of Light.

Fund Raising

The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Zoom with proceeds divided between Youth Programs & Guest Artist Program. Date to be determined. The Taco Lunch and Chili Supper will both be on Zoom with proceeds of both going to the UPC general fund and dates of each to be determined.

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Lights! Camera! Action! **Movies with Meaning!** We Got Good Reviews!

The series to benefit the UPC Guest Artist Program went well.
Everyone bringing their own popcorn and snacks was well received.
Rev. Napoli's commentary and the discussions he led were lively and informative.

Total donations at the five weekly films . . .
\$576!



It's Not Over Yet!



The date for making donations to the UPC Guest Artist Program
has been extended to
Sunday, August 15.

Donations may be mailed/dropped off at the church office or given to Allen or Benjamin.
Make checks payable to UPC with Guest Artist Program on the Memo line.

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.

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Community Groups

On Sunday, August 1, Community Groups returned to UPC. Each group was required to confirm a schedule of meetings with the UPC office. The groups may not use the kitchen other than to brew coffee and tea. They may serve prepackaged sweet rolls, cookies and donuts and will follow CDC guidelines and use of the UPC facilities may be rescinded if COVID numbers go up.

Fellowship Hour

Due to the rise in the COVID variant numbers, 'NO sharing food' during UPC Fellowship Hour has been extended through August. This will be re-evaluated at the August Session meeting. Everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship to chat and catch up wearing a mask.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is October 3. We will also receive the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering. World Communion will be by pod.

Mask Wearing

Masks will continue to be required during Sunday morning worship service. This will be re-evaluated at the August Session meeting.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



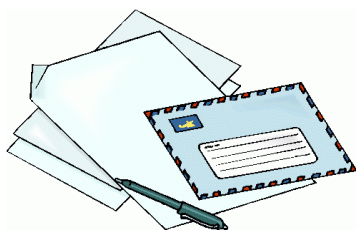
Aug 1	Nabil Turk	Aug 16	Vera Heitink
Aug 4	Mary Lou Rhoades	Aug 19	Rachael Caroline Worden
Aug 7	Lou Malcomb	Aug 20	Souheil Haddad
Aug 12	Bob Lorimer	Aug 20	Nichole Heitink
Aug 15	Darian McBride	Aug 25	Rev. John Napoli



JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Our high income in May was offset by a low income in June. Income was \$5,904 and expenses were \$13,889, giving us a net income of negative \$7,985 for June and \$683 for the year to date. While we are still in positive territory for the year to date, there are a couple more summer months ahead of us and they tend to be lean, financially. Your continued support is always appreciated.

Don Root



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 — Reaching UP on subject line.

Dear UPC family,

It is with a heavy heart that I'm writing on behalf of Jackson and the entire Nyaka organization. Jackson is currently out of country in Uganda, on site.

Judie Iverson was such a generous and compassionate friend of Nyaka who will forever be missed! Her support and dedication for our students, teachers, administrators, staff and communities served will remain a shining symbol of selfless service to those seeking such a model.

Thank you UPC Family for allowing us to meet and know Judie. Please pass our warmest condolences to Krista and her family.

Blessings, Chris Lowe, Managing Director, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project

A Fond Farewell to a Wonderful Friend

Lou Malcomb is changing berths! She's transferring her membership to First Presbyterian Church in North Vernon. Lou moved there nearly three years ago and has been commuting to us as often as she's

been able since then. It's an hour and a half drive each way! With Winter soon approaching and remembering previous snowy commutes in the past, it seemed prudent to search for a church home nearer to her current home. And thus the move.

We will certainly miss her and her expert touch in the UPC Kitchen and in organizing our library.

Lou has served UPC well as a Deacon and as Fellowship Team Chair. She'll be every bit of an asset to her new church family as she was to UPC.

Remember her home made fresh-from-the-patch pumpkin pies!!!!



Above is Lou heading up the 2017 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Kitchen Team. Bob, Lou, Vera, Michelle and Pastor John.

At right is Lou with the 2019 Pentecost Sunday Luncheon crew. Aline, Melanie, Lou, Krista and Vera.



MCUM Back to School Campaign

Supplies are Needed to Create a

Cleaning and Hygiene Kit



and a

Backpack of School Supplies



For every needy kid in Monroe County
who asks for one or both at MCUM in August.

UPC is collecting
now through
Sunday, August 15
Collection Box is in the Narthex

Supplies Needed . . .

For the
Cleaning and Hygiene Kit

Body wash Hand soap
Loofah Lysol wipes
Floss Toothbrush Toothpaste
Shampoo Shower caddy Sunscreen

For the
Backpack of School Supplies
New Backpacks
Box of crayons Bottle of glue (Elmer's, etc.) Glue stick
Scissors
12" Rulers #2 pencils Ball point pens Erasers
Ruled loose leaf writing paper Spiral bound 8 x 10 note books



BLOOMINGTON GREEN HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

LOW-INTEREST LOANS AND REBATES FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Bloomington Green Home Improvement Program (BGHIP) is a 2021 program which will provide \$1,000 rebates and low-interest loans to Bloomington homeowners who are making energy efficiency upgrades to their homes. This program is a partnership between the City of Bloomington, the Clean Energy Credit Union, and CDFI Friendly Bloomington.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Residence must be owner-occupied and the property owner must submit the application
- Residence must be within the Bloomington city limits.
If you are not sure if your house is in city limits, check at www.bloomington.in.gov/mybloomington
- Eligible BGHIP projects include:
 - Solar electric system installation
 - Geothermal heat pump systems
 - Other green home improvements:
 - HVAC
 - Energy analysis and monitoring
 - Appliances
 - Lighting
 - Water heating
 - Electrical vehicle charger
 - Building envelope

AVAILABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Low-interest loans: All program participants are eligible for a 0.50%-discounted loan rate for eligible home improvements. Apply for a low-interest loan from Clean Energy Credit Union's Solar, Geothermal, and/or Green Home Improvement loan programs. (Minimum loan amount of \$3,000)

\$1,000 rebates: Program participants with a 2020 annual household income under \$100,000 are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate from the City of Bloomington after submitting proof of completion of eligible projects. (Must have received a BGHIP loan from Clean Energy Credit Union to receive rebate)

Tax credit: There is a 26% federal income tax credit for solar installations installed in 2021 and 2022.

For more information about the federal income tax credit see:

www.energy.gov/eere/solar/homeowners-guide-federal-tax-credit-solar-photovoltaics

Net metering: Please note, net metering programs for new solar customers ends for new solar installations no later than July 1, 2022. After that point, customers will receive a lower rate for electricity generated.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Submit the City of Bloomington intake form electronically or by mail to verify program eligibility.
- Once you have received verification of eligibility, submit a loan application to Clean Energy Credit Union for a green home improvement project(s).
- **For households with annual income under \$100,000:** Submit the Rebate Verification Form to the City of Bloomington after project completion.



VISIT BLOOMINGTON.IN.GOV/SUSTAINABILITY/BGHIP FOR MORE INFORMATION.

For more information about the BGHIP program, contact the City of Bloomington at sustain@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3418.
For questions about lending, contact Clean Energy Credit Union at info@cleanenergycu.org or 720-479-7900.

The hills are alive . . .

. . . with the sounds of *Madness, Sadness and Bad Behavior* –
our eleventh annual concert of Broadway and opera!

That's right – Richard Lewis and friends are back to bring you yet another round of questionable personal choices and general anguish, all set to great tunes by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Verdi, and more. And once again, we're coming to you on YouTube!

Join us on **Sunday, August 29 at 2 PM Eastern**
for a **1-hour YouTube Premiere Broadcast** with performances of musical favorites
that will set your toes to tapping and your mind to asking,
What were they THINKING?!"

Our concert broadcast takes a look at love, jealousy, laughter, disguises, poison rings, and more. We'll portray people who indulge in bad behavior whether in a Parisian nightclub, a Salzburg nunnery, or a Spanish fortress. We will offer our first-ever concert performances from *The Sound of Music* and Strauss' operetta *Die Fledermaus*, and offer up new performances of favorite works by Franz Lehar and Giuseppe Verdi. Concert regulars soprano **Anna Singer**, tenor **Robert Chafin**, maestro **Michael Borowitz**, and baritone **Richard Lewis** all dive into crazy-for-love antics with musical gusto. And, unlike last year's isolation event, this time we sing together!



In this YouTube broadcast, we also seek to benefit the literacy and Arts Integration programs for Bloomington's Fairview Elementary School. Over the past several years, you – our audience – have raised **over \$16,000** for these vital programs. During last year's broadcast alone, you donated a chart-topping \$5,000! 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 that help them excel in ways they may never have dreamed possible.

We'll give more on the school mid-show and options to give securely online or by check.

