

October 2021 Reaching U.P.

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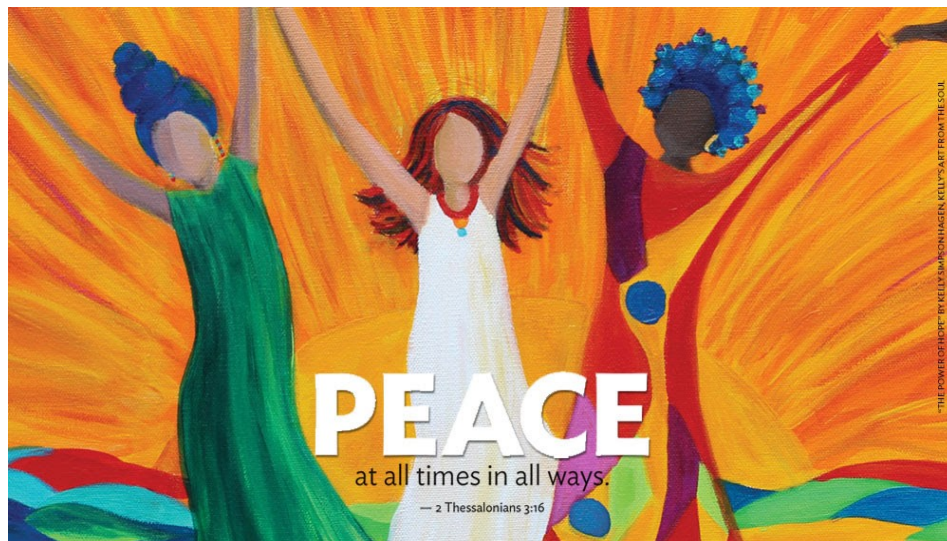
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**We are the peacemakers.
We are the Church, Together.
When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.**

UPC's Peace & Global Witness Offering
will be received October 3 World Communion Sunday.
Holy Communion served by Rev. Joh Napoli.
Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist.
Benjamin Watkins performing melodies
from musical traditions of Japan, Ghana, Spain & Argentina.

On **World Communion Sunday**, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house.

Peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here and around the world.

As a shared offering, your gifts on World Communion Sunday to the Peace & Global Witness Offering support peacemaking in your own community, your own region and places around the world. Thank you for your generosity; *for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.*

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Join the Autumn Fun!

Special Free Screening of



Sunday, October 31

Immediately after morning service

Fellowship Hall

Snacks! Sweet Treats!

A fun, fantasy film!

Starring Three of the Funniest Actresses in Hollywood!

Sarah Jessica Parker! Bette Midler! Kathy Najimy!

Your Host

Pastor John

How to Get Involved

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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.

Penultimate Doctoral Recital

United Presbyterian's Music Director Benjamin Watkins will give his penultimate doctoral recital on Tuesday, October 5th at 5 p.m. in Auer Hall on the Indiana University campus. The performance will feature Beethoven's 2nd Piano Concerto. A string quintet will accompany Benjamin. You are invited!

Benjamin, who hails from Greenville, South Carolina, became UPC's music director in August of 2018. He's a graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and earned his B.M. Piano Performance, Cum Laude at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. At I.U.'s Jacobs School of Music he earned an M.M. in piano performance while studying piano with Dr. Karen Shaw and choral conducting with Dr. Dominic DiOrio and Dr. Betsy Burleigh. Now a D.M. student in Piano Performance at Jacobs, he's completed all of his course work and dissertation. His advanced piano studies have been with Dr. Karen Shaw and further choral studies have been with Professor Walter Huff.



Rehearsing at the piano.

Before coming to UPC, Benjamin was assistant conductor and organist for the Baroque Music Ensemble of Evanston, assistant conductor at Northwestern University Theater and served as church musician at Bethlehem United Methodist and St. Phillips Episcopal—both in Greenville. He was also an assistant instructor at IU's Jacobs School of Music. In 2019, Benjamin co-founded the innovative and acclaimed Bloomington Chamber Opera.

In addition to receiving a Jacobs Fellowship, Benjamin's numerous awards include First Prize at the Crescent Music Club Scholarship Competition, Second Prize at the Aloha International Piano Competition, Second Prize at the CYS Concerto Competition and the South Carolina Governor's Citizenship Medal.

Located on the second floor of the IU Simon Music Center at 200 South Jordan Avenue, Auer Hall is a 400-seat auditorium featuring a high-beamed, coffered ceiling with two side terraces. The recital is free and all are invited to attend.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



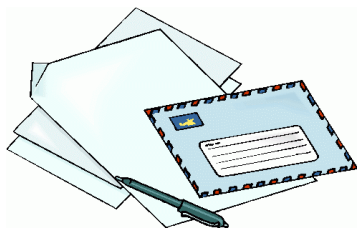
Oct 1 KyungAe Lim	Oct 17 Gerrit Jan Heitink
Oct 5 Evelyn Foster	Oct 25 Pilsoo Kang
Oct 6 Bob Hammel	Oct 26 John and Colleen Swanson Anniversary
Oct 10 Rula Hanania	Oct 31 Darian and Melanie Mathis McBride Anniversary



AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

After a very lean month in July, we came out in slightly positive territory for August. Income was \$10,469 and expenses were \$10,309, giving us a net income of \$160 for the month of August, but negative \$2,136 for the year to date. We are \$9,284 behind where we were last year at this time. Your continued support is needed to get us back where we need to be by year's end.

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.

United Presbyterian Church,

It is hard for me to believe that Labor Day has come and gone. At a recent meeting we began planning for our end-of-year activities!

September's "Congregation Kudos" goes to United Presbyterian. You donated many items to make our Back to School giveaway successful! Thank you United Presbyterian.

In addition, your congregational contributions through the end of August included 134 pounds of food and cleaning/hygiene items and \$100 in cash donations. Thank you.

As always, if you ever want to talk about our programs and work in this community, feel free to give me a call at 812-339-3429, x18 or send me an email, mjhowager@mcum.com. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Mary Jane Howager, Development Director
Monroe County United Ministries

Dear United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$250 towards Nyaka's work with grandmothers, children and survivors of sexual and gender based violence in southwest Uganda.



We are honored to consider you part of the Nyaka family and are delighted that you support our work. We rely on donors like you to help us work to educate children, empower grandmothers, support survivors and transform the lives of whole communities in rural Uganda. Your donation will provide students from nursery to university with a high quality education. It will support grandmothers in setting up small businesses so they can care for their biological and non-biological grandchildren. It provides medical care, counseling and legal support to those who have experienced sexual violence.

We feel privileged that you have chosen to invest your money in our work, helping to create a world where all vulnerable and underserved children have the knowledge, resources, and opportunities they need to grow and prosper. Your donation will change lives.

Please do get in touch with me at any time at cworthington@nyakaglobal.org — I'd love to hear from you anytime and answer any questions you may have or hear any ideas you'd like to share.

From everyone at Nyaka in Uganda, we thank you!

Clare Worthington
Fundraising Director: USA
P.O. Box 339, East Lansing, Michigan 48826

REDUCE ONE INVASIVE SPECIES CHALLENGE

The Reduce One Invasive Species Challenge (ROIS Challenge) hosted each year by Monroe County - Identify & Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS) is an opportunity for people in Monroe County to learn how to identify one invasive species and prioritize its removal. In 2020, the focus was Asian Bush Honeysuckle and in 2021, Purple Wintercreeper vine. Callery Pear (aka Bradford Pear), a highly invasive tree that is a major concern in Monroe County, will be the MCIRIS ROIS Challenge species in 2022.

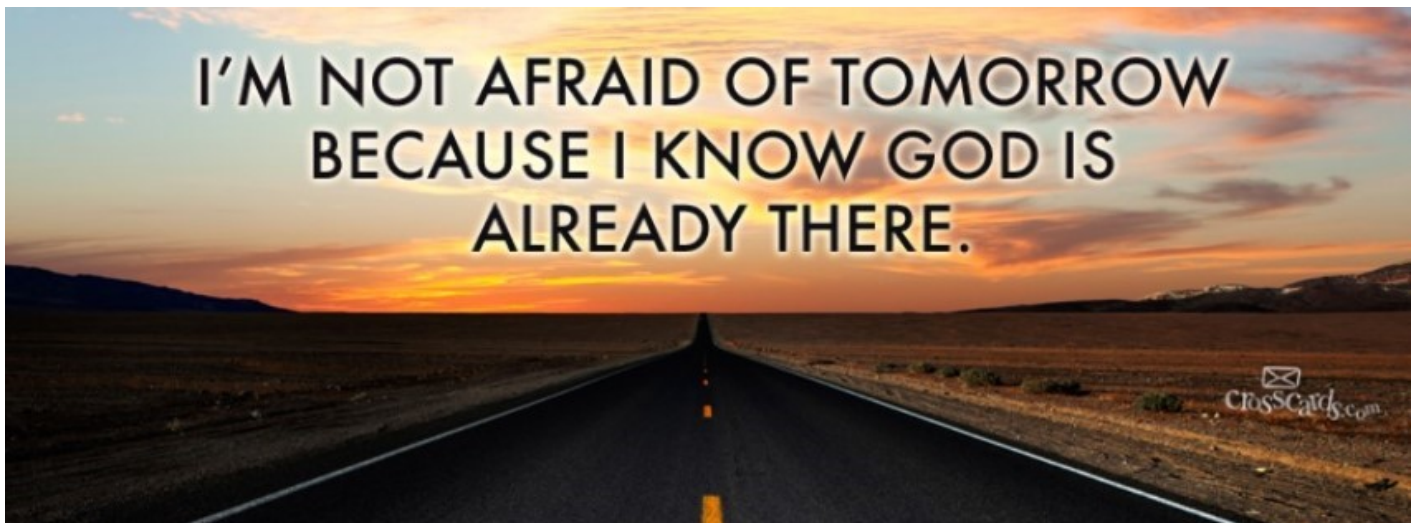


Callery Pear has escaped from city green spaces, residential yards, and church and business landscaping. It spreads easily to neighboring properties, along right-of-way corridors, and into our surrounding forests, wetlands, and other sensitive natural areas; negatively impacting our watershed.

By focusing on one invasive plant species at a time, we learn how to identify it with confidence, discover how to control and dispose of it with greater efficiency, and by working together we can limit further spread.

Look for more information on **Callery Pear**, including management and disposal recommendations, as well as special events and opportunities, to be announced in 2022! To learn more and keep up to date, visit MC-IRIS at www.mc-iris.org or find us on Facebook!

Monroe County Identify & Reduce Invasive Species



UPC Scrip Program

Help UPC! It costs you *NOTHING!* ***ALL You Do is SHOP!!***

The over 700 merchants involved return a percentage to the church for EVERY scrip card used. If you use a \$20 UPC Scrip card, you get \$20 of merchandise and UPC gets 4 to 18%! It is that simple.

Plan Ahead for the Holidays!



Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner? Use UPC Scrip!

Gifts for family & friends? Use UPC Scrip!

Trick or Treat Candy? Use UPC Scrip!

Fall Fest, Thanksgiving & Christmas decorations? Use UPC Scrip!

Place your order with Allen or Stephanie first Sunday of the Month

And pick up your order Second Sunday of the Month.

