

November 2021 Reaching U.P.

# Reaching UP

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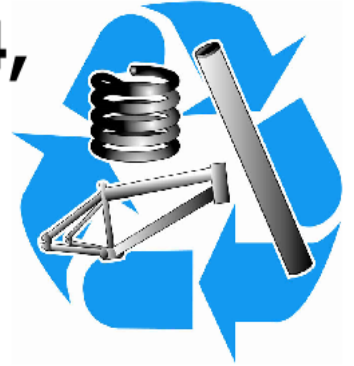
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**Nov. 12-14,  
2021**

Brown, Greene,  
Lawrence, Monroe,  
and Owen Counties



## Scrap Metal Drive Troop 119

(This is Logan Worden's troop)

Scouts are searching for scrap metal to help them raise funds to help cover costs for troop activities throughout the year. We take all kinds of scrap metal, like:

<b>Old Stoves</b>	<b>Washers/Dryers</b>	<b>Scrap Iron</b>	<b>Cans</b>
<b>Cast Iron</b>	<b>Old Metal Tools</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Cars</b>
<b>Old Implements</b>	<b>Copper</b>		

You want it gone? We'll come get it!

Or, you can drop it off at our dumpster located at:

**Hoosier Eye Care, 121 S. Third St., Ellettsville, IN**

Please call Tony Zizak, Scoutmaster of Troop 119, at **812-797-6667** or email **scoutmaster@scoutsbsa119.com** to arrange a time for the troop to come out and pick up your scrap.

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# Ultimate Doctoral Recital

United Presbyterian's Music Director Benjamin Watkins will give his ultimate — final — doctoral recital on Tuesday, November 16th at 5 p.m. in Recital Hall of Merrill Hall on the Indiana University campus. Benjamin's penultimate recital in October was excellent as attested to by everyone who attended. And none of them intend to miss the upcoming recital.

The program will consist of Bach's English Suite in G Minor BWV 808, Mozart's Sonata in D Major K. 311, and a set of opera transcriptions by Franz Liszt, including the famous "Liebestod" from Tristan und Isolde. The recital will run a little over an hour, and all are invited!

Merrill Hall is located at 1201 E Third Street. Within Merrill Hall is IU's most historic performance space, Recital Hall, which hosted its first performance on January 15, 1937. World-renowned musicians have performed in this 500-seat hall for more than 70 years. There is no charge for admission.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:andy@andyhill.us)

## Farewell to UPC Scrip Program

After more than a dozen years, the UPC Scrip Program will be discontinued at the end of this year.  
The program is being discontinued due to lack of participation.

November and December will be the last two opportunities for you to . . .  
Help UPC! It costs you *NOTHING!* *ALL You Do is SHOP!!!*



Plan Ahead for the Holidays!

*Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner? Use UPC Scrip!*  
*Gifts for family & friends? Use UPC Scrip!*  
*Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's decorations? Use UPC Scrip!*

Place your order with Allen or Stephanie first Sunday of November  
And pick up your order Sunday, November 14.

It's so simple that it's hard to believe!!!  
*A wonderful way to help your church!*

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Nov 2 Raja and Rula Hanania Anniversary  
Nov 3 Benjamin Watkins  
Nov 10 Nelda Nyarko  
Nov 14 Gerrit Heitink



### SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

September was another lean month. Income was \$10,173 and expenses were \$17,174, giving us a net income of negative \$7,001 for the month of September, and negative \$9,137 for the year to date. Your continued support is needed to get us back where we need to be by year's end.

Don Root



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Mcum.org

November 1, 2021

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Dear Friends,

*"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." -Kathy Calvin*

There are many times I wish I could record the daily happenings at MCUM to share with you. I would show you the smiles of accomplishment as our three-year olds show off the coral reef display they spent all day making after reading "The Pout Pout Fish." I would show you the look our Your Path client who hit her savings goal made when she realized she was (finally!) able to put a down payment onto her first home. You could hear the young mom of three who had her groceries delivered, let out a big sigh of relief.

All of this happens.... because of you. **Your gift makes a difference, everyday in the lives of Monroe County families.** Thank you!

This year, over 2,800 people have passed through the Self-Sufficiency Center doors for food, housing support, and help accessing other community resources. At Compass Early Learning Center, 98% of families received financial support, enabling them to access a safe, high-quality education for their children.

Friends, will you join us in continuing to make a difference with a year-end gift of \$500?

To make your donation today go to [mcum.org/donate](http://mcum.org/donate) and give through our secure online portal.

Sincerely, and with warm wishes for the upcoming holiday season,

*Mary Jean*

Mary Jean Holwager  
Development Director

*Thank you for  
all your support*

Vision: To eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.

## THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE



**37%** of childcare tuition is covered by donors



**45%** of pantry food comes from group food drives

**100%**

of diapers for Compass kids are donated



**40%**

of the Rent & Utility Fund comes from donors

..... **THANK YOU** .....



# Thanksgiving Baskets For MCUM

Read the letter to UPC from the folks at MCUM printed elsewhere in this issue of Reaching UP. They really need our help, especially when it comes to food for the upcoming holidays and winter season.



Remember in September when MCUM was in need of breakfast cereal? We declared a Sunday as *MCUM Breakfast Cereal Day*. All we needed to do was bring a box or bag of cereal — just one. With UPCers working together, we filled the Deacons Little Red Wagon in the Narthex with a whopping 65 pounds of cereal!

Let's do it again! Sunday, November 14 will be *MCUM Thanksgiving Basket Day*. Bring your Thanksgiving basket donation that Sunday or drop them off during the week before. Office hours that week will be noted in the church-wide emails set out Tuesday and Thursday.

Simply bring just one can or one box (or more) of items fit for a Thanksgiving basket.

## Suggestions:

### One Can of:

Green beans  
Cream of Mushroom soup  
Cranberry sauce  
Pumpkin  
Sweet potato's  
Yams  
Mixed vegetables  
Condensed milk  
Apple cider

### One Box or Bag of:

Stuffing mix  
Rice  
Crispy fried onions  
Mashed potato mix  
Jell-O  
Sugar  
Bisquick  
Pie crust mix  
Cranberry juice



Thanksgiving Baskets  
For MCUM Day  
Sunday, November 14

# 2021 UPC Worship Team Poinsettia Display

We are again getting our Poinsettia's from the  
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra.  
This is the 22nd year for their Poinsettia Sale fund raiser.  
Their plants are always lush and beautiful!

Cost is \$14.00 per plant

You may dedicate your poinsettia  
Simply note it on the sign-up sheet



Festive Red



Winter White

Please sign up in the Narthex or call/email Allen in the  
church office by Friday, Nov. 19

## 2021 Hat & Mitten Tree

We've been doing this for years at UPC, and we're doing it again! The Hat & Mitten Tree will be placed in the Narthex November 14. All are invited to decorate it with donated winter gear through Wednesday, December 1. Festoon it with hats, mittens, gloves, earmuffs, head and neck scarves in *child and teen sizes*. The *decorations* will be taken to MCUM as Christmas gifts to Monroe County children and teens in need. Stephanie Worden has volunteered to shop if you don't have the time. Simply bring a check or cash to the church office or to Stephanie and she'll do the shopping for you.





*Take a moment . . .* Out of your busy day to write a note of encouragement or send a nice “thinking of you” card to a friend. It will be so appreciated.

Three great candidates for sending your best regards are longtime, active participants at United Presbyterian: Julie Hammel, Mary Lou Rhoades and Betty (Chipman) Thacker.

It'll just take a few moments to jot down a few lines or select a fitting card letting them know that you care.



Julie Hammel  
2021 Brookfield Court  
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

Mary Lou Rhoades  
Bell Trace  
800 N. Bell Trace Circle, #154  
Bloomington, IN 47408

Betty Thacker, Room 305  
Stonecroft Health Campus  
363 S. Fieldstone Blvd.  
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"GREAT SERMON! YOU DIDN'T GO ON AND ON AND ON THIS TIME."

