

Reaching UP

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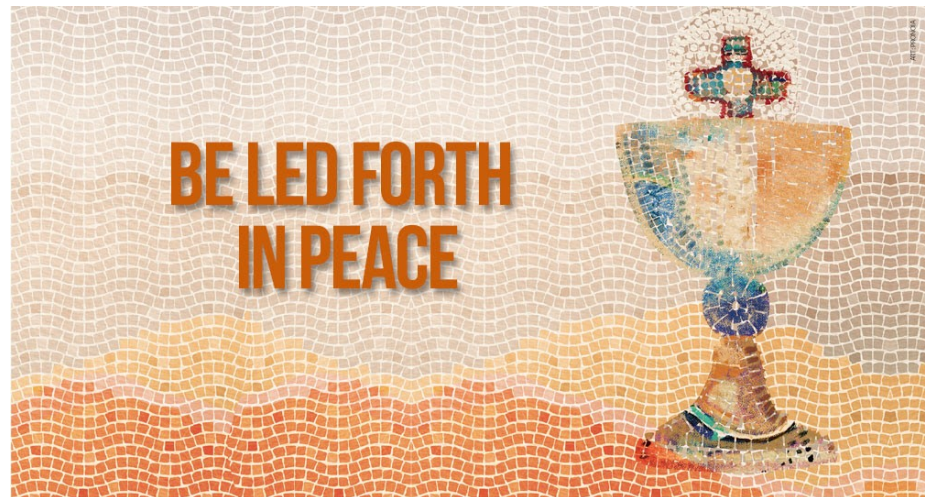
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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



GOD'S PRESENCE EMPOWERS US
TO LIVE JOYFULLY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES
AND TO BRING PEACE TO ALL AROUND US.

A Season of Peace

September 4 thru World Communion Sunday October 2
Peace begins with each of us. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

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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

Treasurer Assistant

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

UPC n Zoom

Tuesday evening Bible Study and Thursday evening prayer meeting, now on hiatus, are conducted via Zoom. When these programs return in the Fall, if you're not already signed up to receive an email with the link to the Zoom meeting, simply email upcbloomington@gmail.com and request inclusion.

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.

Sunday Service on YouTube

UPC YouTube Channel link is: [UPC Bloomington - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBloomington-YouTube). An email is sent out each Thursday with the YouTube link and Sunday's Bulletin attached. If you're not on the list and would like to be, email upcbloomington@gmail.com and request inclusion.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Sep 2	Agatha Nyarko	Sep 15	Alexander Isamu Like
Sep 3	Don Root	Sep 17	Yasmina Haddad, Sarah Napoli
Sep 9	Lamis Turk	Sep 21	Fadi Haddad
Sep 11	Glenda Nyarko	Sep 29	Vera and Gerrit Heitink
Sep 15	Betty Chipman		



JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

July would have been a break-even month, but because we are not paying a pastor, we ended the month \$5865 to the good for July and \$6444 for the year-to-date. Even with this cushion, your continuing support is needed and always appreciated.

Don Root

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Food Drive

The shelves are bare at
Monroe County United Ministries

SUCCESS!

United Presbyterian committed to collect 500 cans of
Spaghetto's!



Any Size! Any Variety!

And We Did It!

Let's keep the ball rolling!

Our 500 cans have been delivered to MCUM.
Let's collect a second 500!

Bring one or more cans every week
to the Deacon's Red Wagon
at Fellowship Hall entrance.
Now thru Thursday, September 29

Also mark your calendar for Sunday, September 18.

The PC(USA) *A Season of Peace*, is September 4 to World Communion Sunday October 2. Sign up for a daily email: pcusa.org/subscribeSOP (look under Advocacy & Social Justice). Our peace and reconciliation work is supported by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. 25% stays with our congregation for our own ministries of peacemaking. 25% goes to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking in our region. 50% supports programs/ministries working actively for peace/justice around our nation and world.



Go Forth in Peace The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us during A Season of Peace: *For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.*

Go out in joy. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, **together**, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

Throughout A Season of Peace, we have heard these inspiring stories:

~ The members of Faith Presbyterian in Indianapolis who go forth in peace with Indy TenPoint, a not-for-profit using a “boots-on-the-ground” approach to reducing gun violence, increasing employment and enhancing educational achievement. Indy TenPoint connects young people with loving and caring people who help them find what God designed for them to be in life.

~ On the island nation of Fiji, the effects of climate change and violent cyclones force more and more people each year to leave the security of their homes. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program reminds us that our *Commitment to Peacemaking* includes “making peace with the earth,” meaning — protecting and restoring God’s Creation through environmentally mindful advocacy.

~ As we see in the news every day, millions of people desperately seek peace far from their native lands. Lesvos Solidarity, on the island off the coast of Greece, is one of the Church’s global partners in peacemaking and is a living example of how we can show love to the stranger and promote dignity among those who flee war and poverty.

Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Because this a shared Offering, we can help those whose challenges are very present to us. Twenty-five percent of the Offering will stay with our own congregation to pursue peacemaking and reconciliation ministries; 25% stays with our mid council for similar work in our region. ([TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR CHURCH AND MID COUNCIL USE THESE FUNDS](#)) And 50% will be used at the national level for ministries of peacemaking and global witness. Remember — peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting.

So let us go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Please give whatever you can. For when we all do a little, it adds up a lot.