

Reaching UP

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And a Good Time was Had By All!

On October 16, Valerie & Felipe Colby filled the UPC Pulpit to update us on His Eyes Clinic & Mission. Members of UPC, the Colby's have been in-person shepherding His Eyes for more than 20 years. The growth has been exceptional and yet, there is more work to be done. The mission has a fundraiser that is unique. They grow, harvest and grind coffee on the mission's land and sell it by the pound. After the Colby's presentation, a pitch-in lunch was served in Fellowship Hall.



Felipe & Valerie enjoyed the lunch as did Alicia & Sam from the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists. Below we see Gerrit, Vera & Jo sharing a laugh.



Deacon
Michelle

Heitink made sure everything was ship shape and Aline & Fadi Haddad shared a great lunch.

Please thank Souheil Haddad for these great photos.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



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



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

September income was \$8,579 and expenses were \$6,088. While we came out on the plus side by \$2,419, it should have been much higher since we are not paying a pastor. We are \$9,142 to the good for the year -to-date. This is a good cushion, but it could be eaten up quickly when we bring a pastor on-board.

Don Root

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.



Presbyterian Mission
**Mission Engagement
& Support**

Thank You!

October 14, 2022

United Presbyterian Church
Attn: Clerk of Session
1701 E. 2nd St.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Clerk of Session,

In writing his second letter to the church of Corinth, the Apostle Paul penned, "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7, NRSV).

Your congregation may invite members to make a financial pledge for 2023 during October. You may also include a Consecration Sunday, giving thanks for the generosity of commitment. These tangible acts of generosity are both a response to and a reminder of God's grace and gifts we receive, even in challenging times.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On September 21, 2022, we received \$30.00 for PC999999 Pentecost Offering.

Your support, dedication, and partnership make it possible for Presbyterians to be engaged in God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission. As always, please let me know how I can support you in your mission efforts.

Yours in Christ,

Chris

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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 — Reaching UP on subject line.

Dear United Presbyterian Church.

With gratitude at Thanksgiving

*I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart, I will glorify
your name forever. Psalm 86: 12*

Thank you for sharing your blessings with others this holiday season and beyond. Because of you, our community is truly a better place.

With gratitude, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving,
Captain Vinal Lee, Captain Brenda Lee
The Salvation Army/Bloomington

Welcome Autumn! Here Comes Winter!

UPC's Building & Grounds Team chair Darian McBride climbs a ladder to adjust the parking lot lights for Fall and Winter. He gets an able assist from Melanie Mathis McBride.

This is just one of the scores of things that must be done to get United Presbyterian Church ready for fall and winter in addition to all the general weekly tasks that need to be completed..

If you'd like to help out, give Darian a call or check with him on Sunday.



ANNUAL MEETING



Team leaders and committee heads, start preparing your reports for UPC's Annual Meeting in January.



2022 UPC Worship Team Poinsettia Display

We are again getting our Poinsettia's from the
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra.
This is the 23rd year for their Poinsettia Sale fund raiser.
Their plants are always lush and beautiful!

Cost is \$15.00 per plant

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

New this Year!

Five Beautiful Christmas Colors!



Red



White



Pink



Jingle Bells



Ice Crystals

Please sign up in the Narthex or call/email Allen in the
church office by Friday, Nov. 11

The annual UPC Poinsettia Display will be in place December 11

Seventh or Ninth? Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

It's back! The Worship Team is bringing you the 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction — or is it the Ninth? Our last Spaghetti Dinner was in 2019. We didn't have dinners in 2021 or 2022 because of you know what. So, do we call this the 7th or 9th? Oh well, plan on having a good time on Wednesday, December 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. to benefit UPC's Guest Artist Program. The all-you-can-eat meal will be served in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes tossed salad with various dressings, spaghetti with choice of marinara or meat sauce, Fettuccini Alfredo, grated Parmesan cheese, garlic bread, homemade desserts, coffee and milk. Chefs for the all-you-eat dinner are Christian Ed Director Melanie Mathis-McBride and UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins.



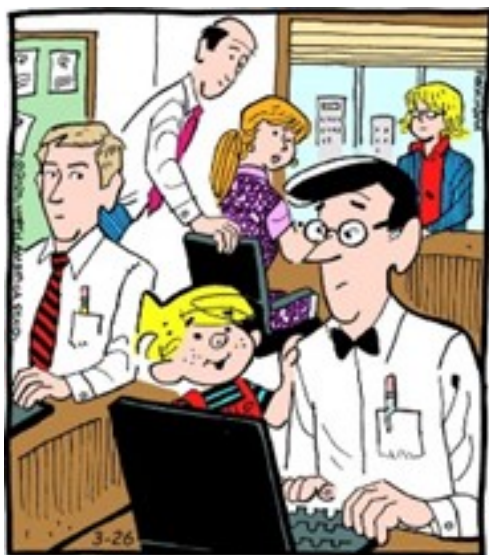
UPC's Worship Team believes that music enhances the worship experience. Created to expand upon this, the UPC Guest Artist Program makes possible live solo and ensemble performances by both instrumentalists and vocalists. At the same time, the program assists musicians with stipends

for their performances.

A silent auction will again be held. Auction items will include homemade pumpkin bread and other baked goods as well as items from area businesses. If you have a new or gently used item you'd like to donate for the silent auction or know of a business that may want to donate an item or service, let Worship Team Chair Allen Pease or Benjamin know. Also contact Allen or Benjamin if you'd like to donate a homemade baked good.

We also need desserts! Homemade ones if possible! Let Allen, Benjamin or Melanie know if you'd like to donate a dessert or check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children eight and under and will go on sale November 9. Stop in at the church office or see Allen during Fellowship Hour.



"SO WHICH ONES ARE THE MORONS YOU HAVE TO PUT UP WITH EVERY DAY?"



"WE HAFTA LEARN TO READ AND WRITE, OR WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TEXT!"