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2022 UPC Worship Team

Poinsettia Display



Because Poinsettias so beautifully enhance the sanctuary, a display of these seasonal flowers has become a tradition and is an integral part of UPC's Advent of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Poinsettias are graciously sponsored by friends and members of UPC.

Thank You Poinsettia Sponsors

David Barnett

Jo Barnett

Fadi & Aline Haddad

Souheil & Alejandra Haddad

In Loving Memory of Aida & Fuad Haddad

In Loving Memory of Reverend David Bremer

In Loving Memory of Reverend Sarah Cochran

Bob & Julie Hammel

In Loving Memory of Judie Iverson

In Loving Memory of Peggy Watson

Michelle Heitink – In Loving Memory of Dennis Schuman

Jim Haverstock — In Loving Memory of Sue Haverstock

Andy Hill

Rev. Timothy Jessen — In Loving Memory of Rev. Bob Lorimer

Lou Malcomb — In Loving Memory of Nancy Truelove

Virginia McCartney

Allen Pease

In Loving Memory of Raymond & Rose Klucznik

In Loving Memory of Robert E. Pease

Don Root

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Dec 10 Lance Like

Dec 23 Brenda Wood

Dec 27 Jane and Fred Priest Anniversary

Dec 28 Patrick & Agatha Nyarko Anniversary

Dec 28 Aline Hamati Haddad

Dec 31 Rowan Heitink



OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Financials for October were very good. This is good news after disappointing months in August and September. Income for October was \$14,055 and expenses were \$6,383 giving us a net income of \$7,672 for October and \$16,814 for the year-to-date. Your continued support is needed. Good months in November and December will put us in a good position to meet the high energy bills we expect this winter and the expenses of bringing in a new pastor next year.

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

Offering

If you are interested in helping collect the offering during the service or count it after the service please contact Andy Hill at andy@andyhill.us

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a time to share with one another over coffee and snacks. Everyone is invited to attend. It is held immediately following the Sunday worship service. Fellowship hours can be hosted by groups, families, or individuals. If you feel led to serve in this way, a signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.

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.

It's back!
The Worship Team
Invites You To The
7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
& Silent Auction

Wednesday, December 14
6 to 8 p.m. — Fellowship Hall



Benefit UPC's Music Program.

Tossed Salad!
Spaghetti with Marinara! Spaghetti with Meat Sauce!
Fettuccini Alfredo!
Garlic Bread! Homemade Desserts
Coffee, Ice Tea and Milk.
Celebrity Chefs!
UPC Christian Ed Director Melanie Mathis-McBride
UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins

Silent Auction!
See Allen if you'd like to donate an item(s)



ANNUAL MEETING



Team leaders and committee heads, start preparing your reports for UPC's Annual Meeting in January. The best way to create and submit your 2023 Annual Report covering 2022, is to create it as a Word Document using 12 pt. Times New Roman. Once completed, email it as an attachment to: upcbloomington@gmail.com — it will go directly to Allen. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5 immediately after the morning worship service. Food and fellowship will follow.



We Get Letters!

Send letters to Reaching U.P. c/o UPC, 1701 E. 2nd, Bloomington, IN 47401 or email upcbloomington@gmail.com

MONROE COUNTY CASA
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES *for* CHILDREN



09/29/2022

United Presbyterian Church
Allen Pease
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Dear Allen,

It is so heartening when we receive a generous gift from a donor that allows us to advocate for another child in our community. A child who wouldn't necessarily have a voice otherwise. Monroe County CASA is incredibly appreciative of the generous gifts that we receive from people just like you.

Your support of Monroe County CASA helps to ensure that abused and neglected children have a voice in court and that their best interest is always kept at the forefront. We are in constant pursuit of a community where all children have a safe and permanent home in which to lay their head at night, and your generosity greatly aids us in this effort.

Thank you for helping strengthen our community through your gift to Monroe County CASA.

All the best,

Kristin Bishay

Kristin Bishay
Executive Director

*Thank you so much
for supporting CASA!*

P.S. See how your support is making a difference for the children in our community by connecting with Monroe County CASA on Facebook and Twitter.

Your contribution of 100.00 given on 09/25/2022 to the CASA program is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We acknowledge that no services were provided to you in exchange for this donation. This letter serves as your receipt.

2022 ADVENT

United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4 — 10 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

Led by Reverend Sarah McKenney

Liturgist & Lighting of the Candle of Peace — Deacon Michelle Heitink

The UPC Quartet, Benjamin Watkins, director

Sunday, December 11— 10 a.m.

Third Sunday in Advent

Led by Reverend Susan McGhee — Liturgist Deacon Fadi Haddad

Lighting of the Candle of Joy — Fadi & Aline Haddad

The UPC Quartet, Benjamin Watkins, director

Sunday, December 18 — 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Guest Speaker Jim Haverstock — Liturgist Elder Alejandra Haddad

Lighting of the Candle of Peace — Souheil & Alejandra Haddad

Benjamin Watkins, piano & organ

Receiving of the Joy Offering



Saturday, December 24 — 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

POV Executive Presbyter the Reverend Susan McGhee

Lighting the Christ Candle — The Nyarko Family Benjamin Watkins, Piano & Organ

Holy Communion served by Rev. McGhee assisted by UPC Deacons

Sharing the Light

Christmas Sunday, December 25 — 10 a.m.

A Service of Lessons with Hymns and Carols

Liturgist — Jim Haverstock

Readers — Souheil Haddad, Michelle Heitink, Allen Pease

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano & organ

Receiving of the Joy Offering



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

And the Word
became flesh
and lived
among us...

— JOHN 1:14



Jesus came to us as a helpless baby — destined to lead us and bring joy, peace and salvation for all people. The perfect gift.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us in Jesus with generous support of leaders among us — past, present and future. This PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at UPC on Sunday, December 18 and Sunday, December 25.



A Note in Passing

"Things turn out for the best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

Published in a Dear Abby column years ago.



Merry Christmas to all!



"MR. WILSON TOLD ME WHAT HE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS...A 'FOR SALE' SIGN IN OUR YARD."