

Reaching UP

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Ordination, Worship, Lunch & Concert on 5th Sunday!

UPC's 5th Sunday Celebration on January 30 was a busy, inspiring and fun day. It began with a worship service that included beautiful music from the UPC Trio, an inspiring sermon from Reverend Susan McGhee and a faith building service of Installation and Ordination of Deacon Vera Heitink and Elders Alejandra Haddad and Jan Berend Heitink.

This was followed by a hearty lunch and great fellowship hosted by the Worship Team.

After that, we enjoyed "A Concert of Piano & Clarinet" in the sanctuary. Benjamin Watkins on performance of beauty.



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All three 5th Sunday

events were well attended with worship having the highest morning worship attendance so far this year.



Thanks to all those who brought such great home made food. (Cont'd page 5)

In Christ Alone

my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song

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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 are conducted via Zoom at 6pm on Tuesdays. 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.

Treemonisha a Triumph!

Congratulations to our own Dr. Benjamin Watkins and Bloomington Chamber Opera for their



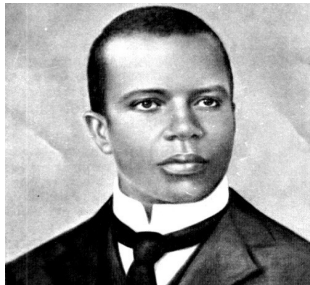
Most of the cast of *Treemonisha* in the lobby of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater with Dr. Watson (in the white tie).

January 27 production of Scott Joplin's only surviving opera, *Treemonisha*. The Buskirk-Chumley Theater was alive with excellent vocalists, brilliant conducting and directing and amazing lighting. Set in rural Texarkana in 1884, *Treemonisha* tells the story of a young woman who belongs to a community of recently freed slaves, the first in her family to benefit from an education, and she is not afraid to speak her mind plainly.

The work was performed with Joplin's original piano score, and a cast of seven vocalists. As noted by Watkins in last month's Reaching Up, the music is a testament to Joplin's genius and versatility as a composer, and while it does incorporate ragtime and signature elements of the composer's popular works, *Treemonisha* is conceived at the highest level artistically.

The work displays a cosmopolitan understanding of musical styles, some gorgeous melodic writing, ingenious harmonies, and—yes--some proper ragtime music.

The cast consisted of Antoin Marshall from the University of Mississippi, Sherika John Jordan from New York City, Markel Rashad Williams from Greensboro, North Carolina and, from IU Jacobs School of Music, Sashekia Brown, Giovani Malcolm, Chase Sanders and Jahleel Walker. Justin Bernard was artistic director, Tristan Swift was Production advisor. In addition to co-producing and conducting, Watkins served as the production's pianist.



1868—April 1, 1917.
Exact date of birth unknown.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



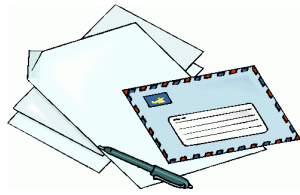
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DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

December should have been a very good month, as income was \$14,926. However, some larger than normal expenditures drove our expenses up to \$12,482. We ended the year with annual income exceeding expenses by \$27,619. Had we been paying a pastor for the full 12 months, we would have ended with a deficit well over \$10,000.

Don Root



We Get Letters

Send letters to: Reaching U.P.; UPC, 1701 E. Second Street, Bloomington, IN 47401 or email to upcbloomington@gmail.com

Dear United Presbyterian Family,

Moving my parents, in their nineties, from their home of close to 60 years to Bloomington in late 2021 was not an easy task. They were very independent and never fully accepted independent senior living at Meadowood. The move seemed to trigger onset dementia as well as stress. My mom had a minor stroke in August but it caused other complications and her health slowly deteriorated. It was a blessing she passed on January 11th so that she could be at peace.

I have moved my dad to Stonecroft assisted living as he makes the adjustment to life without his wife of over 63 years.

Thank you to all that have reached out in condolence. Having such a compassionate church family as support is beyond words. Your love, thoughts, and prayers are warmly received.

Grace & Peace,
Karen Like



Dear United Presbyterian,

Happy New Year! Sending all our love for 2023.

Pilsoo, Kyung-Ae, Samuel
The Kang Family



Happy Valentines Day!

Allen Pease
UPC Secretary & Event Coordinator



"YOU GUYS HIRED THIS SITTER, AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOIN' ANYWHERE?"

Ordination, Worship, Lunch & Concert on 5th Sunday (Cont'd from page 1)

Enjoy these wonderful photos! And thank Souheil Haddad for taking them.

We look forward to UPC's next 5th Sunday Celebration on April 30.



What would we do without the clean-op crew!?! The Worship Team is so happy to have so many people to thank for making this 5th Sunday Celebration so successful.

**Happy
Valentine's
Day!**



Communion Serving Schedule 2023
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February 5, 2023
1 Michelle Heitink
2 Stephanie Worden

March 3, 2023
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

April 2, 2023
1 Karen Like
2 Lance Like

April 6, 2023
Maundy Thursday
1 Melanie Mathis McBride
2 Darian McBride

May 7, 2023
1 Andy Hill
2 David Barnett

June 4, 2023
1 Michelle Heitink
2 Stephanie Worden

July 2, 2023
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

August 6, 2023
1 Fadi Haddad
2 John Swanson

September 3, 2023
1 Melanie Mathis-McBride
2 Darian McBride

October 1, 2023
1 Andy Hill
2 David Barnett

November 5, 2023
1 Karen Like
2 Lance Like

December 3, 2023
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023
1 Darian McBride
2 Melanie Mathis-McBride

January 7, 2024
1 Fadi Haddad
2 John Swanson

Active Ruling Elders
David Barnett
Andy Hill
Melanie Mathis-McBride
Darian McBride
Eydie Peacher

Inactive Elders
Alejandra Haddad
Fadi Haddad
Souheil Haddad
Gerrit Heitink
Michelle Heitink
Karen Like
Lance Like
Bob Hammel
Allen Pease
Don Root
John Swanson
Stephanie Worden

Elders serving Communion are encouraged to wear a mask

Please Remember: If you're unable to serve, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Replacements may be made from the active and inactive Elders lists above. Inform the Worship Team **No. 1 serves the organist before beginning to serve the congregation.** If any special dates for communion come up, calls will be made to arrange servers. Thank you for your service!

Questions? Call
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