

# Reaching UP

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## Wow! We Done Good!

UPC's emergency food drive for Monroe County United Ministries was hugely successful! We donated a grand total of 476 pounds of food in four weeks! When

MCUM reached out to us, their greatest needs were Spaghetti's, peanut butter, corn and breakfast cereal. And that's what we collected, completely overflowing the Deacons; Little Red Wagon!



*Pictured are MCUM Development Director Darcie Casey, Development Associate Camden Hill and our own Reverend Cheryl Montgomery. The photo clearly shows the huge amount of food UPC collected. And this was just the first load! Benjamin Watkins delivered two more loads. Just imagine the impact this might have on these people in need.*

Of course we'll continue collecting for MCUM as we've always done. The Deacons' Little Red Wagon is just outside the entrance to Fellowship Hall waiting for your donations. A particular need at MCUM recently is toilet paper. So, keep that in mind when you're out shopping and see a sale.



### Warm Welcome for Reverend Montgomery!

Transitional Pastor Reverend Cheryl Montgomery's official first day in the UPC office was Monday, May 1. Her first time in the UPC Pulpit, first sermon and first time officiating Holy Communion for UPC all fell on Sunday, May 7.

All went well. Immediately following the worship service, the UPC Worship Team hosted a Welcome Pastor reception in Fellowship Hall.



← Reverend Montgomery cuts her Welcome Pastor cake to kick-off the Worship Team's welcome reception.

As always, UPC sets a full table! →



## 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)

### 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)

### Bible Study

Tuesday evening Bible Study is conducted via Zoom. If you're not already signed up to receive an email with the link to the Zoom meeting, simply email [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto: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

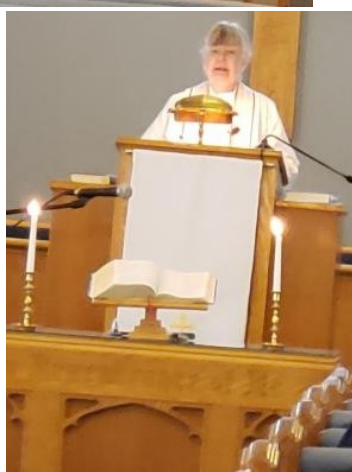
If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound system or help in taping Sunday worship service please contact Don Root at [rootd@msn.com](mailto:rootd@msn.com).

### 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](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com) and request inclusion.

## Mother's Day at UPC

Mother's Day at UPC this year was exceptional. It was also Ascension Sunday paying tribute to the ascension of Christ to heaven. Marielle Hug sang beautifully. Stephanie Worden served as liturgist with excellent reading of the scripture and liturgy. Reverend Montgomery presented an unusual and inspiring sermon that was definitely outside of the box. It was positive and gave us a great deal to think about.



## June Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jun 3 Julie Hammel

Jun 4 Souheil & Alejandra Haddad Anniversary

Jun 5 Fadi and Aline Haddad Anniversary

Jun 6 Jane Hammel Priest

Jun 7 Aida Haddad

Jun 8 Phillip Addison

Jun 12 Allen Pease

Jun 21 Bill and Stephanie Worden Anniversary

Jun 22 Robert and Julie Hammel Anniversary

Jun 23 Sami Haddad

Jun 27 Thomas Tadao Like

Jun 27 Andy Hill

Jun 29 Raja Hanania

### APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

April income was \$15,400 and expenses were \$9,057 giving us a net income of \$6,343 for April. This puts us back on the positive side for the year-to-date at \$3,308. Having a pastor on board, beginning in May, will mean an increase in our expenses, but hopefully it will also bring about a steady increase in attendance. Now that Covid is behind us, we should be urging the remainder of our regulars to start coming back to church as well as inviting others to visit one of our services.

A reminder that this year's per-capita is \$50.15 per member. If you're able to pay your own, that will be helpful.

Don Root