

Reaching UP

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July's 5th Sunday Celebration Great Fun, Food, Fellowship and Fantastic Music

The July 30 5th Sunday Celebration went well for United Presbyterian. UPC began the 5th Sunday Celebrations exactly one year ago on this very day. Attendance was good for the 10 a.m. morning worship led by Reverend John VanderZee.



We had a big crowd and a bountiful table of excellent ethnic and American home made dishes and desserts for the pitch-in lunch. The Benjamin Taylor Watkins'



"Reimagining the Ancient: New Piano Music by Assyrian Composer Rosson Betyonan" piano recital was exceptional. His performances of Bach, Brahms and Betyonan were inspiring. A number of people stayed afterwards for congratulations and for discussion of the pieces presented.



We were blessed by a number of visitors including dear friends of UPC, Nabil and Lamis Turk. The couple were very active in our church while their son Michael earned his degree at IU when they returned to Egypt.

The Worship Team is grateful for all the help in making this event such a success. Special thanks go to those who made the lunch table such a feast.

Be sure to thank Souheil Haddad for these great photos. There are more on page 7.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



Aug 1 Nabil Turk

Aug 7 Lou Malcomb

Aug 15 Darian McBride

Aug 16 Vera Heitink

Aug 19 Rachael Caroline Worden

Aug 20 Souheil Haddad

Aug 20 Nichole Heitink

Aug 25 Rev. John Napoli



JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

July income was \$10,811 and expenses were \$12,717 giving us a net income of negative \$1,906 for July and negative \$2,335 for the year-to-date. This means we are beginning to dip into the surplus that was built up from not paying a pastor for 10 months. It is important that everyone keep up their giving. Hopefully, going back to passing the plate on Sundays will help to remind us.

It is not too late to pay this year's per-capita, which is \$50.15 per member. If you're able to pay your own, that will be helpful.

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

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 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.

Thank You from Nyaka

Our students are not only dreaming, but achieving!

Your support is changing the lives of the students we teach and the lives they impact.

Nyaka nurse, Ruth (pictured above), was once a student who you supported. Girls in Rural Uganda are often told to quit school so they can start a family. Without your support, Ruth believes that at 22, she would be a mom to many children; rather than one of Nyaka's amazing nurses. Ruth lost her father at a very young age. She and her five younger siblings were sent to live with their grandmother. While attending Primary One, her grandmother couldn't purchase her books or pay school fees. Her education was going to end before her eighth birthday. Ruth accepted that she would be a housemaid, rather than achieve her dream of being a nurse. However, thanks to your support, everything changed for Ruth when her grandmother discovered Nyaka Primary School. Ruth was a Pioneer Student, part of Nyaka's first class of students.



As a student, Ruth watched nurses care for her ill grandmother. She knew she wanted to become a nurse to serve her community, particularly for sick children. Thanks to the strong education foundation you provided Ruth, she made her dreams a reality. Ruth graduated nursing school! Your compassion not only benefited Ruth, but also allowed her to impact the Nyaka community. Today, Ruth is the nurse at Nyaka's Vocational Secondary School. Ruth treats sick students so they can stay in school. She also counsels and provides emotional support for students. This is Ruth's dream job because she can inspire students everyday. Young students gain confidence by seeing how Ruth was a Nyaka student who became a medical professional. Because compassionate people like you invested in Ruth over 10 years ago, she is able to continue to inspire Nyaka's female students every day. Can you imagine what the children you are investing in today will do when they grow up?

Your advocacy is supporting:

- A 98% student retention rate across Nyaka schools, compared to 89% for peer schools
 - A 97% class attendance rate across Nyaka schools, compared to 81% for peer schools
 - A 94% school completion rate across Nyaka schools, compared to 87% for peer schools
- ... And More!

Thank you for impacting generations.



Editor's Note: UPC has been a supporter of Nyaka since it's inception more than 20 years ago.



Monroe County United Ministries

May 19, 2023

United Presbyterian Church
1701 E Second Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Friends,

My name is Camden Hill, Development Associate at Monroe County United Ministries, and I would like to personally thank you for your recent donation of 376 pounds of nonperishable items. Your generous contribution keeps our client-choice food pantry and cleaning & hygiene closet well-stocked for our Self-Sufficiency Center visitors.

I'm sure you've heard it said, "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day - teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime". While there is clearly some wisdom to this angle, in the way it is often used it falls short of capturing the nuances of poverty. Speaking as someone with next to zero fishing experience, if you tried to teach me today, I strongly doubt I would have it mastered by tomorrow! What I do know is that I would be hungry from the effort and in need of a full belly to maintain my focus.

From this illustration, I hope that you can see that it is **impossible to make progress towards ending generational poverty without also addressing the urgent needs of situational poverty**. A family worried about whether they can afford to put food on the table until the next paycheck comes does not have the mental bandwidth to make and achieve long-term goals. In this way, food insecurity perpetuates and accelerates the cycle of poverty. This also means that for many families and community members, **relieving hunger is the first step towards pursuing self-sufficiency**.

Thank you again for your generosity. Your donation goes directly towards fighting food insecurity and promoting self-sufficiency in Monroe County. If you would like to learn more about how MCUM is fulfilling its mission of ending generational poverty for the people it serves, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via phone at (812) 339-3429 ext. 16 or email at chill@mcum.org. I am happy to answer questions, schedule a site tour, and meet with our steadfast supporters.

Tax ID: 35-1313090

With sincere appreciation,

Camden Hill
Development Associate

Thank you
so much
United Presbyterian!

Erin Vaughn
Self-Sufficiency Director

+ Another 60 lbs on May 22.
436 lbs Total!

Memorandum of Understanding

June 19, 2023
Rev. Aug. 14, 2023

PURPOSE: To establish the Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for Bloomington United Presbyterian Church and define the terms thereof.

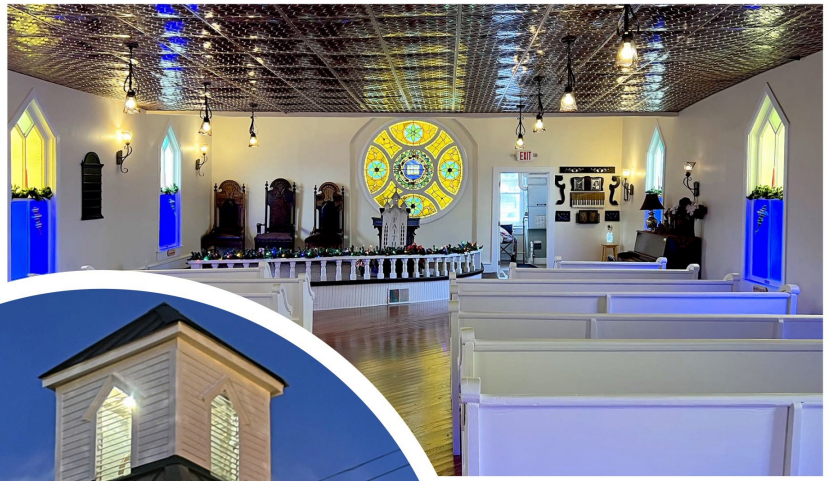
BACKGROUND: Judie Iverson was an active member of United Presbyterian Church for many years until her passing on June 26, 2021. She had served as both an Elder and a Deacon during that time. Her family has expressed a desire to do something meaningful and lasting in her memory. Judie loved music and she loved her church family and thus a contribution in support of the music program of United Presbyterian Church seems appropriate.

In late July of 2021, Krista Detor, daughter of Frances "Judie" Iverson (9/7/1940-6/26/2021) presented United Presbyterian Church (UPC) with a \$500 check enclosed in a letter. It was noted in the letter that Judie loved UPC and music so much and was so pleased with the work of Music Director Benjamin Watkins, that her family would repeat the donation annually. In 2022 another check was received along with a request that this annual arrangement be formalized.

PROPOSAL: The arrangement will be formally known as The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana, but may be referred to as The Mulryan-Iverson Music Endowment for UPC. An official logo created by Krista Detor is shown at the end of this document. Terms of the endowment are as follows:

1. The family will make a \$500 donation each August thru The Hundredth Hill.
2. UPC will acknowledge the 2021 and 2022 donations and acceptance of the endowment agreement to: The Hundredth Hill ATTN: Krista Detor 8275 N. Fish Road Bloomington, IN 47408.
3. Other church members and friends of Judie or the Mulryan-Iverson family may also donate to the endowment. One family has already agreed to match the donation with an additional \$500 annual donation.
4. All donations to the endowment will be used for the UPC Music Program and no other program or project. Donations will be accumulated in a dedicated UPC savings account and each year, in November, the accumulation of funds for the year will be transferred to the music account within the general fund to be used at the discretion of the Music Director.
5. Each annual donation will be noted in the UPC monthly newsletter: Reaching Up.





Reviving the West Baden Colored Church *A LABOR OF LOVE*

A story of a black community, a church, a flourishing, a decline, and a revival.
Bloomington Premiere, FREE SCREENING of 56 min. documentary

Sunday August 27th, 2023 3pm Monroe County Public Library Auditorium

July's 5th Sunday Celebration Great Fun (Continued from P. 1)



Lights! Camera! Action!
It's a Smash Hit!

The Worship Team's Movies with Meaning had a box office bonanza! We raised \$544! Way to go UPC! Thanks to all who attended the films and donated. We look forward to doing it again next July.



← Hosted by Souheil Haddad, the second week's theme was Popcorn & Pizza and "Big George!" was the movie.

Thank You UPC!
The Worship Team



Lucky(?) #13

**Roll the Dice
& Role Reversals**

**Broadway & Opera
Concert Benefiting**

**Fairview Elementary School
Arts & Literacy Programs**

**Sunday,
Aug. 27,
2023
4 p.m.**

**First
Presbyterian Church,
6th & Lincoln,
Bloomington**

**with ANNA SINGER, Soprano ROBERT CHAFIN, Tenor
JOSEPH ITTOOP, Tenor RICHARD LEWIS, Baritone
and MICHAEL BOROWITZ, Piano**

A Note from Our Music Director

Dear UPC Family,

Thank you so much for your generous and continued support of our guest artist program. Through your donations we are able to offer the community the gift of inspired music, while nurturing young artists at a critical period in their lives. In one of her meditations, Dr. Alejandra Haddad mentioned the innumerable ways through which we find God (or through which God finds us). For many of us, it is through music that we find our way. UPC's dedication to the arts is a testament to the belief that God works in many ways, at times mysterious and at times beautiful. It is through the congregation's support that our guest artist program can be a living sanctuary for the work of dedicated musicians.

Thank you again, and I hope to see you next Sunday if not before!

Grace and Peace,



"Guess what, Mommy! You're all my dolls' grandma!"



"Which kind are you gettin' yourself, Daddy — the mouse ears, the feather or the Donald Duck kind?"