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One Great Hour of Sharing

PC(USA) Special Offering
Hunger – Disaster – Development



*When we all do a little,
it adds up to a lot.*

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact,

OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

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United Presbyterian Church will receive the
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday



MATTHEW 25

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



No birthdays or anniversaries this month.
Let us know if we missed any!



DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

As reported at the annual meeting, we ended the year with a deficit of \$5,100. Not good news, but not as bad as expected thanks to some last minute extra donations. December income was \$21,667 and expenses were \$16,772. Thanks to all who continue to generously support the church.

We are making it for now, but we cannot continue to operate with budget deficits indefinitely. We are not alone in this. Declining membership and increased operating expenses are affecting all small churches in today's world. Churches that survive well into the 21st century will look different than in the past. In the coming months we will be working with Pastor Cheryl to come up with new creative ways of doing the Lord's work that will keep us financially solvent for the future. We need your ideas and your prayers to make it happen.

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 in Anderson Parlor and via Zoom. If you're not already signed up to receive an email reminders 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.

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SHROVE TUESDAY



UPC's sixth Shrove Tuesday is February 13!

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday — the first day of Lent. It's often celebrated by consuming pancakes. It's called Mardi Gras and celebrated as a carnival day and the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday.

The UPC Worship Team presents
Pancake Supper

6 p.m. February 13 - Fellowship Hall at United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery - host

Free!



Live music by

Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band.

The Menu

Enjoy pancakes personally flipped by the Worship Team!

Your choice: Plain, blueberry, chocolate chip, no gluten .

Sausage. Iced Tea O.J. Milk. Toppings!

King Cake

Whoever finds the 'baby' in the cake wins a prize!

Donations accepted for UPC Music Program



Bloomington Chamber Singers to present A LOVE-ly Brahms Concert

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024, the Bloomington Chamber Singers will take the stage of St. Mark's United Methodist Church to perform Johannes Brahms' beautiful Liebeslieder and Neue Liebeslieder, helping to set the mood for the upcoming



Valentine's Day Holiday. The Liebeslieder Waltzes are a collection of love songs in Ländler style for voices and piano four hands. The lyrics for the Liebeslieder come from Georg Friedrich Daumier's Polydora, a collection of folk songs and love poems. The waltzes consist of two opus numbers: Op. 52 and Op. 65 (Neue Liebeslieder). The design of the pieces is for them to be light, unpretentious, and provide the listener with a musical delight of a few of the many aspects of love.

The concert, conducted by assistant conductor, Caio Guimarães, will be presented at St. Mark's United Methodist

Church, 100 N. State Rd. 46, Bloomington. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm. In-person tickets are available either through presale or at the door. A live-stream option is also available. All tickets for

International Christian Fellowship and ESL Program

Now inactive, it was hoped that ICF offered support to dozens of internationals through the Language Partner Program, English as a Second Language (ESL) Bible Study and Tuesday Socials. The POV has offered financial support for ESL programs we may develop. Anyone interested in this possibility, contact Allen in the church office.

Ethnic Dining In

UPC's Ethnic Food Fair (founded in 2000) was a vision of UPC, strongly signaling our diversity, but became so cumbersome that we had to discontinue it in 2018. With an eye toward maintaining the signaling of UPC's diversity and inclusiveness in a more manageable format, Deacon



Vera Heitink proposed a "UPC Ethnic Dining In Experience" series and it worked! In 2020, instead of dinning out in a restaurant full of strangers, we *dined in* and shared an evening of fellowship and fine food with church family, friends and neighbors.

Vera volunteered to be the first "Head Chef" with the theme of Indonesia.

Our first Ethnic Dining In was February, 2020. Vera prepared a typical Indonesian evening meal. It was a huge success with a sellout crowd. We intended to do one each quarter with various members serving as "Head Chef" and preparing a meal spotlighting their own ethnicity.

And then, COVID-19.

Let's re-start this uniquely UPC event. Who would like to be the "Head Chef" for the first Ethnic Dining-In of 2024? Contact Allen in the church office.

United Presbyterian Church □ 2024 Lent Schedule

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13 – 6 p.m.

UPC Worship Team is hosting. Pancakes, sausage, ice tea, milk, o.j. and a King Cake
Heritage Hall Ramblers Dixieland Band. Free. Donations accepted for UPC music program

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 7 p.m.

Worship led by Rev. Cheryl Montgomery. Receiving of the Ashes. Benjamin Watkins, piano.

First Sunday in Lent, February 18 – 10 a.m.

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery, Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist, Jim Haverstock
Tuesday, February 20 – 6 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25 – 10 a.m.

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist, Elder Jan Berend Heitink
Tuesday, February 27 – 6 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Third Sunday in Lent, March 3 – 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist, Deacon Souheil Haddad
Tuesday, March 5 – 6 p.m. Lent Bible Study with Rev. Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10 – 10 a.m.

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist, Deacon Andy Hill
Tuesday, March 12 – 6 p.m. Lent Bible Study with Rev. Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17 – 10 a.m.

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist, Souheil Haddad
Tuesday, March 19 – 6 p.m. Lent Bible Study with Rev. Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Palm Sunday, March 24 – 10 a.m.

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Processional of the Palms;
UPC Quartet, guest artist Darius Bennett, clarinet; Liturgist, Deacon Vera Heitink

Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, March 28 – 7 p.m.

Rev. Montgomery; B, Watkins, piano; Elders Darian & Melanie McBride; Liturgist: M. Heitink

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 29 – 7 p.m.

Rev. Montgomery, Benjamin Watkins, piano with six readers

Resurrection of the Lord Easter Worship – 10 a.m.

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery; Benjamin Watkins, piano; Liturgist: Elder Alejandra Haddad
Guest Artist Luke Hershman, trumpet; Readers: Raja Hanania, Arabic; Jan Berend Heitink, Dutch;
Vera Heitink, French; Gerrit Heitink, German; Alejandra Haddad, Spanish
and Patrick Nyarko, Twi

Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – Hosted by the Worship Team in Fellowship Hall

Communion Serving Schedule 2024
United Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2024
1 Michelle Heitink
2 Stephanie Worden

July 7, 2024
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

January 5, 2025
1 Fadi Haddad
2 Don Root

March 3, 2024
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

August 4, 2024
1 Fadi Haddad
2 Don Root

March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday
1 Melanie Mathis McBride
2 Darian McBride

September 1, 2024
1 Andy Hill
2 David Barnett

Active Ruling Elders
David Barnett
Andy Hill
Alejandra Haddad
Fadi Haddad
Melanie Mathis-McBride

April 7, 2024
1 Karen Like
2 Lance Like

May 5, 2024
1 Andy Hill
2 David Barnett

October 6, 2023
1 Melanie Mathis-McBride
2 Darian McBride

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

June 2, 2024
1 Michelle Heitink
2 Stephanie Worden

November 3, 2023
1 Karen Like
2 Lance Like

December 1, 2023
1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024
1 Darian McBride
2 Melanie Mathis-McBride

Additional Servers
Rev. Robert Lorimer

Questions? Call
Allen Pease
office 812 332-1850

Please Remember: If you're unable to serve, you are responsible. Cell: 812-325-7849
Replacements may be made from the active and inactive Elders lists above. Inform the Worship Team.
The numbers are assigned areas, beginning on the left (organist's side).
No. 1 serves the organist before serving the East side of the Sanctuary.
No. 2 serves the West side of the Sanctuary.
If any special dates for communion come up, calls will be made to arrange servers.
Thank you for your service!



EACH PATH OUT OF POVERTY IS PAVED WITH YOUR GENEROSITY

Paths to Prosperity Fundraiser

PRESENTED BY EDWARD JONES

02.29.24

FAR Contemporary Center for the Arts

505 W 4th Street

Bloomington, IN 47404

6pm-9pm

TICKETS \$50.00 include drink tickets & heavy appetizers

MCUM's Paths to Prosperity Fundraiser

Presented by Edward Jones

Event Date: February 29, 2024

Event Time: 6-9pm

Event Address: FAR 505 West 4th Street Bloomington, IN 47404

Ticket Price: \$50.00 include appetizers, beer & wine, and beverages

Please join [Monroe County United Ministries](#) at Paths to Prosperity presented by Edward Jones at FAR on Febru-



Send letters to:

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Dear United Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous gifts in December of \$500 towards Nyaka's work with grandmothers, children and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in southwest Uganda. Your transformational gifts will directly support our work that has been going on for over twenty years!

We are honored to consider you part of the Nyaka family and are delighted that you continuously support our work. We rely on donors like you to help us work to educate students from nursery to university with a high-quality education, supporting grandmothers in setting up small businesses so they can care for their biological and non-biological grandchildren, and provide medical care, counselling and legal support to those who have experienced sexual and gender-based violence. We feel privileged that you have chosen to steadily invest your means in our mission.

From everyone at Nyaka, we thank you! *Webale munonga!*

Jackson Kaguri, Founder & CEO