

April 2025 Reaching U.P.

Reaching UP

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Supporting One Great Hour of Sharing allows:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to:

- Respond to the aftermath of disasters, both natural and human-caused.
- Support refugees.

Presbyterian Hunger Program to:

- Encourage Earth Care Congregations.
- Address how climate change is affecting our food sources.

Self-Development of People to:

- Help communities advocate for their own needs.
- Provide opportunities to develop skills that improve their communities.

And so much more!

The One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at United Presbyterian at morning worship Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

More information on One Great Hour of Sharing is on the table in the Narthex.

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April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Apr 3 Stephanie Worden	Apr 17 Jesse McBride
Apr 5 Tareq Hanania	Apr 25 Lance & Karen Like Anniversary
Apr 6 Jan Berend Heitink	Apr 27 Linda Coggin
Apr 7 Colleen Swanson	May 14 Fuad Haddad
Apr 12 Bill Worden	May 15 Don and Anne Root Anniversary
Apr 13 Mitch Coggin	May 19 Sue Lorimer
Apr 15 Noah Like	



JAN/FEB FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of the first two months of 2025, we are in a good position financially. Our net income for the year to date is \$11,837. Generous donations coupled with low expenses has made this possible. Building improvements made last year have resulted in lower repair costs. Lower pastoral expenses are also a factor.

Outside groups that use our building also make regular donations. The largest group, the Biscuits and Gravy Boys, recently donated a new stovetop for our kitchen. Gifts such as this are greatly appreciated.

The per-capita for 2025 is \$55 per member. Those who are able are encouraged to pay their per-capita.

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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2025

Traditional



Inspirational

All Are Welcome

Palm Sunday, April 13 – 10 a.m.

Worship led by Rev. Martha FrizLanger
Benjamin Watkins, piano; UPC Quartet
Liturgist, Deacon Vera Heitink

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 7 p.m. — Holy Communion

Worship led by Rev. Carol Barrett & Elder Alejandra Haddad; Benjamin Watkins, piano

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 18 – 7 p.m.

Worship led by Rev. Carol Barrett & Elder Alejandra Haddad, Benjamin Watkins, piano



Resurrection of the Lord Easter Worship — April 20 — 10 a.m.

Worship led by Rev. Carol Barrett
Benjamin Watkins, piano; UPC Quartet
Liturgist, Elder Alejandra Haddad
Scriptures in Arabic, Dutch, English, Fante, French, German, Spanish and Twi

Easter Brunch — 11 a.m.

Hosted by the Worship Team & Deacons in Fellowship Hall — All are welcome!

Piano Recital — 12:15 p.m.

Selections from Franz Liszt's *Years of Pilgrimage* — Benjamin Watkins, piano. In the Sanctuary

Gift from the United Presbyterian Worship Team

Lent Tokens are a reminder of our seriousness in the preparation of our hearts for the blessings of Christ. Carry the token throughout Holy Week as a constant reminder of Christ's sacrifice. Tokens and spiritual guidance materials at no charge are in the lobby of the Sanctuary on the upper level.

We Get Letters

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



Hello,

Hope all is well with our friends and colleagues in Hoosier Land.

An update:

After 6.5 years of serving St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Victoria, British Columbia as transitional minister, I left that position at the end of February and am entering official retirement! Linda and I will be staying in Victoria permanently as we are now permanent residents and have applied for Canadian citizenship. We are excited! I continue to coach Presbytery leaders in the States and until last year was teaching Transitional Ministry courses in the States and in Canada. Linda is working with an adult indigenous group in helping them translate their oral histories into written form.

Our son, Wade lives in downtown Los Angeles and owns an art studio and our daughter Margaret and family now live in San Antonio where she is a chaplain at University Hospital, Brad works for Johnson Industries, Malachi (6) and Stella (3) are in a daycare that grows the vegetables they eat and helps care for the sheep, goats, horses and cows that live on the farm.

Remaining in Victoria in "retired" status, I am taking a two-month sabbatical, and will do limited supply preaching not until the end of May or so. Linda has learned to paddle board and is quite good at it.

We will look forward to the next Reaching UP and hope it finds its way on the website.

Our love to all and know that UPC continue to be in our regular prayers for the good work that you do in Bloomington and beyond.

Peace and Blessings

Mitch

Reverend Mitch Coggin

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“To my new siblings in Christ ...”



Thanks to you, and the Ohio Valley Presbytery, for the opportunity to share our lives of faith. I look forward to gathering together next month around the Lord's Table, where all are welcome.”

Was the opening sentence that Rev. Carol Barrett wrote introducing herself as our part-time pastor. February 2, her first Sunday, was her first sharing of sermon and Holy Communion with us. 34 were in attendance. A Welcome Pastor pitch-in lunch followed.

Service of Ordination and Installation of 2025 UPC Officers

As part of United Presbyterian's Sunday, April 6 Worship Service, Reverend Carol Barrett and Clerk of Session Don Root presided over a Service of Ordination and Installation.



The ceremony began with the Ordination of Patrick Nyarko to the office of Elder.

This was followed by the Installation of Patrick to the office of Elder and Michelle Heitink and Andy Hill to the office of Deacon.

The ceremony was concluded by the Laying on of Hands. The proceedings were witnessed by 31 congregants.



A Most Unusual Sunday! Light's Out!

Sunday, March 23 was most unusual. Most of March and April this year found Monroe County residents dodging high winds, torrential rains, tornadoes, electric outages and floods.

At 8:55 on the 23rd, we lost electricity at UPC and the surrounding neighborhood.

Reverend Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Ohio Valley was our guest minister and we were looking forward to her message. By worship service time we still had no power. Reverend McGhee decided to move forward.

It was an overcast day, so candles were placed. Benjamin and members of the quartet provided music. It was a well received service with the worship experience enhanced by the circumstances. Power was restored at 11:20 a.m. We've not yet learned the cause from Duke.



SPRING

Youth Flower Sale Fundraiser



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, THINK SPRING!
GET YOUR FLOWERS AND SUPPORT OUR UPC YOUTH.**

ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN IN APRIL

(order forms and list available soon)

DELIVERY/PICK-UP IN MAY

Thank you for supporting our UPC Youth

Shu-Ti Chang Shares . . .

Last June, Allen Pease shared his 80th birthday with us. Not with a cake nor gifts or a party. It was a time of sharing. A lunch of his favorite foods and a buffet of his favorite desserts was shared. Also shared were music by his favorite musicians and salutes and tributes to and by some of his favorite people.

Shu-Ti Chang is one of Allen's favorite people. Sad that she wasn't able to make the trip to UPC from Taiwan, she sent her *sharing* to celebrate.

Shu-Ti's package was shared during fellowship after an August Sunday morning worship serve. The display can be seen in the photo.

Here's Shu-Ti's letter which came with the package.

Dear Allen,
Happy 80th Birthday!
Sorry I'm not able to attend the celebration on June 15th.
Thank you so much for sending me the invitation, I feel honored!

Please allow me to participate with sharing these traditional Taiwanese with you and my UPC family.

Here you have the most famous (my favorite) Pineapple Pastry from Taipei, rice-crispy-like "snow flake pastry" and tea bags of special kind of Taiwanese Oolong tea, named "Eastern Beauty Tea." Pineapple symbolizes prosperity because of its pronunciation in Taiwanese language. It means *good things to come*.

The lunch bags are the small version of traditional shopping bags and the key chain is the mini version. I miss you and I miss my UPC family!
Please take good care and stay in touch!

May God bless you!
Shu-Ti

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Please Help with the UPC's 2025 Per Capita

The Per Capita is a set amount of money, determined by church membership, that is paid by every congregation to support the work of its presbytery, synod, and the General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.). The Per Capita apportionment is a way of funding the work of the denomination goes back as far as 1734. It allows the members of the whole church at all levels to participate in the ministry of the denomination—it's the glue that holds the Presbyterian Church together.

Our Per Capita this year is based on \$55.00 per member. It would help our budget immensely if you were able to give a special offering to help UPC cover this expense. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed. To be clear, this is not a “membership dues”; it is the congregation, not individual members, who are responsible for meeting the Per Capita apportionment, but your individual offerings help the congregation fulfill its obligation to the larger church.

To designate a gift toward the Per Capita, make checks payable to UPC with “2025 Per Capita” on the memo line. Place cash in an envelope marked “Per Capita.” Place checks/cash envelopes in the offering plates during the worship or in the plate in the narthex. If donating by credit/debit card, note “Per Capita” and your name on the printout from the machine and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Treasurer Andy Hill or speak to Rev. Montgomery.

Why Per Capita is Important

Per capita funds are the primary source of support for the Office of the General Assembly.

Per capita funds allow the Office of the General Assembly to support the ministry and witness of congregations and mid councils through:

- Bringing together commissioners and advisory delegates as the General Assembly
- Publishing (in multiple languages) and distribution (in multiple format) of the Book of Order, The Book of Confessions, and other General Assembly publications
- Underwriting the expenses of the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly as they travel across the church and around the world to interpret the work of the GA and attend church anniversaries, presbytery meetings, retreats & ecumenical gatherings
- Gathering church leaders from presbyteries and synods for training events
- Supporting work in the area of ordered ministry, helping all Presbyterians respond to God's call in their lives as teaching elders, ruling elders, and deacons
- Providing necessary tools to develop and administer ordination exams to seminarians preparing to become future pastors
- Maintaining Church Leadership Connection, the online system that supports the call process for pastors and congregations
- Supporting those elected to serve on permanent General Assembly committees, such as the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, the General Assembly Nominating Committee, and the General Assembly Committee on Representation
- Providing information/counsel to presbyteries/pastors regarding immigration issues
- Supporting the Presbyterian Historical Society, ensuring that our witness to the gospel today will be preserved for future generations, just as we have learned about the history of past generations
- Providing a Presbyterian presence at ecumenical groups and gatherings in this country and worldwide-- extending our mission efforts and our work for peace and justice far beyond what we can do by ourselves to promote Christian unity.