

Reaching UP

United Presbyterian
Church

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2024 Installation & Ordination of Officers

UPC's annual Installation and Ordination of Officers took place during the February 4 worship service. Reverend Cheryl Montgomery officiated as Souheil Haddad was installed and Jo Barnett was installed and ordained as Deacons and Fadi Haddad and John Swanson were installed as Elders. A welcoming reception and lasagna buffet immediately followed in Fellowship Hall.



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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

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). 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.

RESILIENCE PRODUCTIONS
The Monroe County History Center
present
The Remarkable Women Series:

Rev Dr. Pauli Murray was a gifted scholar,
visionary writer and fearless champion of
truth and justice. Glimpse into the life of
this 20th century trailblazer!

Pauli Murray:
I've Come Full Circle

Written By
Gladys DeVane
Directed by
Danielle Bruce

With Post Show TalkBack & Reception

TICKETS \$20 Children Under 10 **FREE**

monroehistory.org or (812) 332-2517

March
22nd & 23rd
at 6pm
24th at 3pm

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Mar 8 Michelle Heitink
Mar 16 Deborah Heitink



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

January income was \$12,088 and expenses were \$14,479 giving us a net income of negative \$2,391 to start off the new year. This is typical of the monthly deficits we've been running. Obviously, some changes need to be made by the end of this year if we are to avoid having to start liquidating our investments.

It's that time of the year again, where we ask those who are able to make a donation to offset the per-capita. The Per-Capita amount this year is \$55 per member.

Don Root

**United Presbyterian Church
Remaining 2024 Lent Schedule**

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;
Baptism of Elias Haddad, son of Lizzie & Fuad Haddad, grandson of Aline & Fadu Haddad
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, March 31 – 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 Vera Heitink and 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

Active Ruling Elders

David Barnett
Alejandra Haddad
Fadi Haddad
Jan Berend Heitink
Don Root
John Swanson

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

1 Melanie Mathis McBride
2 Darian McBride

September 1, 2024

1 Andy Hill
2 David Barnett

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

June 2, 2024

1 Michelle Heitink
2 Stephanie Worden

November 3, 2023

1 Karen Like
2 Lance Like

Inactive Elders

Bob Hammel
Gerrit Heitink
Karen Like
Lance Like
Darian McBride
Melanie Mathis McBride
Agatha Nyarko
Patrick Nyarko
Allen Pease
Stephanie Worden

December 1, 2023

1 Alejandra Haddad
2 Souheil Haddad

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

1 Darian McBride
2 Melanie Mathis-McBride

Questions? Call

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cell: 812-325-7849

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

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!

2024 Installation & Ordination of Officers (continued from page 1)



Welcome Reception for UPC's
2024 newly ordained and installed
Elders and Deacons

Nyaka Chief Operating Officer to address Kiwanis luncheon.

In 2001, Twesigye Jackson Kaguri founded Nyaka in response to the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS in his home village and surrounding districts. From the beginning, Nyaka's mission has been to provide free education to children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. Jackson mailed a plea for help to congregations and civic groups throughout Monroe County for assistance. Kiwanis Club of Bloomington and Rotary Club were the only civic groups to respond and Rev. David Bremer and UPC was the only congregation to respond.



In 2001 Jackson used \$5,000 meant for buying a house in the US to build a two-room school for the Nyaka community. The 24 inaugural children got uniforms, pencils, and pens. With the hard work of Jackson, Ugandans, Americans, Brits, Scandinavians, Kiwanis, Rotary and thousands of volunteers, Nyaka has expanded to three education campuses, a farm, library and medical clinics serving over 900 children.

Luncheon Open to UPC Members

In-person communication has been difficult due to COVID and recovery. Nyaka's Chief Operations Officer Chris Lowe will address the Thursday, March 28 Kiwanis Club of Bloomington luncheon. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. in the Blue Room of American Legion Post 18, 1800 W. 3rd. The program will adjourn promptly at 1:00 p.m. UPC and Rotary members are welcome to attend. There is no admission charge and lunch is ordered off the menu on your own. If you'd like to attend, let Allen know.



Reverend Montgomery Visits Kiwanis and Aktion Club of Bloomington.

Aktion Club: where development has no disability

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Club members become competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service. Kiwanis Club of Bloomington and Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana are co-sponsors of Aktion Club of Bloomington.



One of the service projects Aktion Club has launched for 2023-2024 is the Bottle Caps to Benches Campaign. Plastic bottle caps are collected and recycled into benches for public places (details may be found on a following page).

Kiwanis Club of Bloomington pledged to help Aktion Clubbers collect bottle caps. When Rev. Montgomery heard of this service project, with Session's approval, she let Kiwanis Club and Aktion Club know that the people of UPC have pledged to assist with the collation of plastic caps. UPC has done an excellent job!

On Thursday, February 15, Kiwanis Club of Bloomington invited the officers of Aktion Club to give a talk on the status of their activities and projects as well as to present the Kiwanis collection of caps. UPC was also invited to present their plastic cap collection.

President Jake and Vice President Aaron were introduced. Aaron is Charter President of Aktion Club, formed 16 years ago. Their activities include an annual talent show with the upcoming 2024 show celebrating the events 10th anniversary. The Bloomington All-Abilities Choir was founded five years ago and 20 Aktion members are active in the choir.

Kiwanis Hoosier Division Lt. Governor Vanessa McClary (member of both Kiwanis Club of Bloomington and Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana) serves as Kiwanis advisor to Aktion Club.

A huge garbage bag of caps was presented to Aktion Club by Rev. Montgomery. In the photo above, from l to r, are Aaron, Lt. Governor Vanessa, Jake, Pastor Cheryl and Kiwanis President Phillip. The Aktion Club officers were very grateful.

Please continue bringing in bottle caps to the box outside Fellowship Hall as the service project runs to the end of 2024.

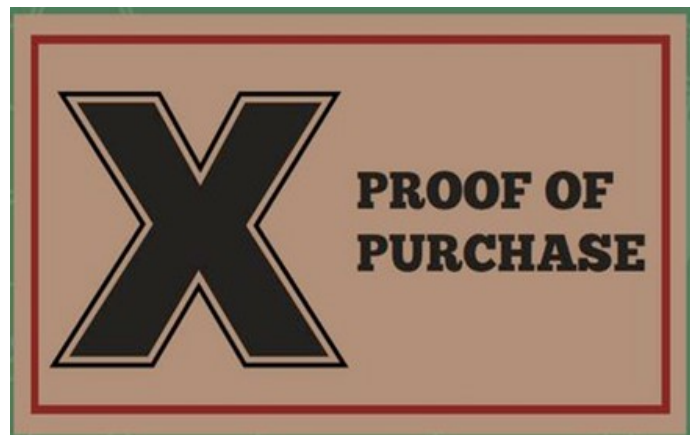
Help the 2022 and 2023 State Class C Champions, the Edgewood Marching Mustangs purchase new equipment!

Simply cut off the proof-of-purchase from your Pizza X box and place it in the container near the Little Red Wagon outside Fellowship Hall.

It's a year-round collection.

Logan and Caroline Worden are members of the Marching Mustangs.

Stephanie Worden will collect and deliver them to Edgewood High School.



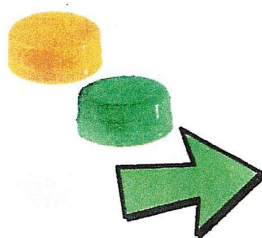


**GREEN
TREE
PLASTICS**

Save caps for Kiwanis / Aktion Club

ABC PROMISE PARTNERSHIP

RECYCLE



ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS

ANY PLASTIC CAP/LID WITH A RECYCLE NUMBER OF



Any Drink Bottle Caps
(soda, water, juice, tea, sports drinks)

Applesauce Pouch Caps

Baby Food Caps

Deodorant Caps

Detergent Caps

Flip-Top Caps

Hair Spray Caps

Marker Caps

Milk Jug Caps

Ointment Tube Caps

Medicine Bottle Caps

(Prescription & OTC /paper info packet removed)

Plastic Sheeting Spool Caps

Spout Caps

Shampoo/Conditioner Caps

Spray Paint Caps

Toothpaste Tube Caps

Water Bottle Caps

Cool Whip Lids

Ice Cream Bucket Lids

Peanut Butter Jar Lids

Cottage Cheese Lids

Cream Cheese Lids

Butter Lids

Coffee Can Lids

Mayonnaise Jar Lids

Nestea Lids

Yogurt Lids

Pringles Lids

Plastic Easter Eggs

5 Gallon Bucket Lids

(all acceptable plastic lids must be under 8" in diameter.

For these to be acceptable, you must ask an adult to use a table saw to cut them into fourths)



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our YouTube channel.



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Information

These items are NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Medicine "BOTTLES"
(prescription or OTC bottles are not acceptable)

the actual drink "BOTTLES"
(bottles are a different kind of plastic than the caps)

any Cap with a Silicon Lining
(from chemicals/cleaners, this would include some
bleach and motor oil caps)

"Pumps & Trigger Sprayers"
(soap/lotion pumps, they may be plastic, but they have
pieces inside them that are not acceptable)

"Fast-Food Drink Lids"
(these are the wrong type of plastic. This includes fast-food cup lids
& coffee drink lids, as well as the lids from deli items at Wal-Mart)

"Bags"
(Plastic Ziplock bags or Grocery Bags)

Any "Food" Container
(even if the plastic recycle number is a 2, 4 or 5)

K-Cups, Straws, Medical Supplies,
plastic pieces that are not a lid/cap


NEVER ANY METAL or TRASH!

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Help the 2022 and 2023 State Class C Champions, the Edgewood Marching Mustangs purchase new equipment!

Collect and save Pizza X
Proof-Of-Purchase (POP)
tabs from our pizza boxes.



Ask your friends to save them, too!



Click here or head over to pizzaxbloomington.com/pop for a list of participating schools and other info!

POPs are worth **DOUBLE
during National Education
Week (**Nov. 13-17**) so be sure
to turn yours in to your
participating school
before then!**

Simply cut off the proof-of-purchase from your Pizza X box
and place it in the container near the Little Red Wagon
outside of the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a year-round collection, but we get double the do-
nation in November.

Logan and Caroline Worden are members
of the Marching Mustangs.

Stephanie Worden will collect and deliver them to
Edgewood High School.



Kroger Community Rewards

Help raise funds for UPC

It costs you nothing!

If you haven't already done this, start now. It's easy. Simply go to:

kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards

1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization.

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Search for your organization [here](#).
3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

3. Your organization earns.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

If you have any questions, please contact our [Customer Service Center](#).

Get started today!

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.



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.



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



For 75 years, One Great Hour of
Sharing has connected us in God's healing, tending and growing
to create a world where all needs are met.

