

# Reaching UP

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## Thank you Quartet and Via con Dios Sami

Sunday, April 28 was a beautiful day, perfectly enhancing UPC's morning worship. Music Director Benjamin Watkins opened the service with *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* on Piano. Sami Haddad led the Call to Worship and Passing of the Peace. Members of the UPC Quartet then presented a stunning rendition of *If I Can Help Somebody* as the mornings Music for Meditation. Sami continued with the Call for Confession and Assurance of Pardon and the scripture reading of I John 4: 7-21. Reverend Cheryl Montgomery read John 15:1-17 and followed with her sermon, *Abiding in Christ*. Quartet members beautifully sang *Abide with Me* for the Offertory followed by the *Doxology* and Reverend Montgomery's Prayer of Dedication. The service concluded with Dr. Watkins playing *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again* as the Postlude.

It has been great to have had Sami with us again for a time. The service marked his move to San Diego with his wife Sabrina later in the very day. It was fitting to have him serve as Liturgist for the service. He and Sabrina are warmly wished *Via con Dios* from the bottom of our hearts.



After the morning worship, the congregation hosted a pitch-in lunch to thank Benjamin and Quartet members for sharing their gift of music with us the past academic year. The service was the last one until August for Patrick Tervo. Sadie O'Connor will be with us thorough May 5, and Marielle Hug

will be singing for us until mid-July. Conner McWhirter, schedule allowing, will sing some Sundays until mid-June.

Conner, Marielle and Sadie have all completed their graduate work at IU and are beginning careers over the next few weeks, so they won't be singing with us next season. We wish them the absolute best. Happily, we'll have Patrick back as he's completed his second undergrad year at IU's Jacobs School of Music.

The UPC Quartet on Easter Sunday →  
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# May Birthdays and Anniversaries



May 14 Fuad Haddad

May 19 Sue Lorimer

May 15 Don and Anne Root Anniversary May 22 Miriam Michael



## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

April income was \$13,641 and expenses were \$15,591 giving us a net income of negative \$1,950 for the month and negative \$16,864 for the year-to-date. Although income was good for the month, it was still slightly outpaced by expenses. This was not driven by any one large expense, but rather an accumulation of many smaller ones. Thank you for your continuing support of our church family.

It's not too late to pay your Per-Capita, if you're able and have not done so. The Per-Capita amount this year is \$55.00 per member.

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](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 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](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.

## A Wonderful Weekend of Music

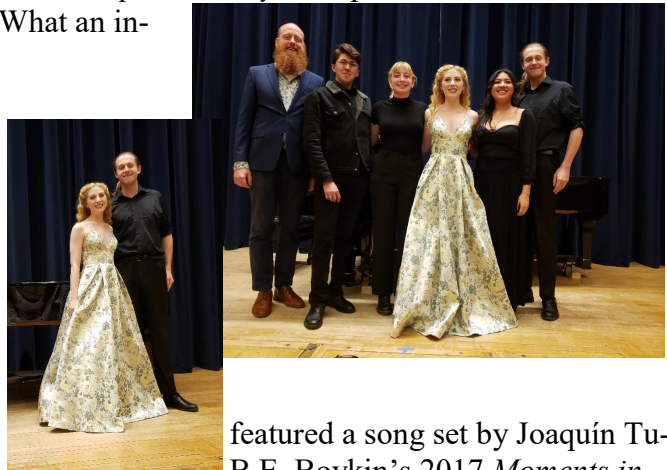
Friday, April 26 saw a recital by Sadie O’Conor, with Patrick Tervo in the chorus, at Recital Hall. Saturday, the 27th, Marielle Hug sang at Ford Crawford Hall. Members of the UPC Quartet, both women were presenting their Masters Recitals for graduation from IU Jacobs School of Music. Patrick, just finishing his second undergrad year at Jacobs, was honored to have been selected by Sadie to participate in her recital.

Both recitals were stunning, inspirational and innovative, with more than enthusiastic responses from the audience.

Sadie’s recital was based upon *The Clown of God: a story of creation and love*. One of the many highpoints of the recital was the finale, *If I Can Help Somebody* with piano and chorus, composed by Alma Bazel Androzzo (1912 to 2001). What an inspirational presentation!

Sadie and Patrick

Far right photo, the cast: Zachary Coates, Martin Ramirez, Jr., Katy Reilly, Sadie O’Conor, Harper Knopp, and Patrick Tervo.



Marielle’s recital

featured a song set by Joaquín Turina, followed by B.E. Boykin’s 2017 *Moments in Sonder*, based on poetry by Maya Angelou, and concluded with Jake Heggie’s 2015 *The Work at Hand* with piano and cello, based on poetry by Laura Morefield. The fabulous performance showed Marielle’s mastery of craft and her artistic maturity.



Photo at far left: UPC Music Director Benjamin Watkins, Marielle, Reverend Cheryl Montgomery, and David Barnett were there to cheer and applaud.



Pianist Jean Watcharit Kerdchuen, Marielle, and cellist Charlie Mueller.

## Thank You UPC Quartet and Benjamin Lunch

To show their appreciation for the beautiful music the UPC Quartet and Benjamin have shared with them the past season, the congregation served a home made lunch after the morning worship on April 28.



← Rev. Montgomery (bottom left) with the guests of honor Sadie O’Conor, Marielle Hug, Music Director Benjamin Watkins, (Secretary Allen Pease, upper right) and Patrick Ter-vo.

Sue, Anita, Fadi, Aline and Don en-



joyed the lunch. Sue prepared her wonderful cranberry salad and Fadi made a cherry, walnut dump cake using his wife

Aline’s recipe. →

← Colleen brought delicious home made brownies and Jo made traditional Hoosier baked beans and several other dishes.

→ Alejandra, Souheil and their son Sami. Alejandra brought made-from-scratch humus and her famous lentils and rice dish. Souheil took the photos.

Thanks to all for a fun event and thanks to our quartet and music

director for sharing their gift of music.



### A Mother’s Day Appeal from Nyaka

For Mother’s Day, we reach out with a heartfelt appeal to support more than 23,000 grandmothers and their 96,000 grandchildren who rely on Nyaka for aid. These grandmothers, the bedrock of strength and love for their families, have stepped into the roles of parents once more, often amidst extreme poverty. Help us stand by them in their time of need. Originally supporting 10,000 in 2019, our Grandmother Program now extends its loving embrace to more than 23,000 resilient souls. To donate mark a check ‘Nyaka Grannies’ and place in the offering or talk to Andy Hill.



# SPECIAL OFFERINGS



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

*Investing in our greatest resource*

## **Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.**

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.



Sunday, May 19 is Day of Pentecost  
UPC's Pentecost Offering will be received during morning worship.  
Rev. Cheryl Montgomery Liturgist: Deacon Andy Hill  
Music by Benjamin Watkins & Marielle Hug