

What's Going On? Here's How to Know!

Union Church is actively seeking to embody the life and ministry of Christ. Ministry projects abound, as do the tasks that support and serve them. Since each member here is a minister of the church we felt it was important to try more ways to help us all know about them, especially to connect ministers to ministries. Please contact the designated persons to learn more and get involved!

| Project/Idea | What's Happening? | Who to Contact |
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| New Board Structure Pilot Project | 8 new boards meet this month for the first time. A great board orientation session was held on March 27. We'll have a "check in" evaluation in September as we move through our 18-month pilot | Betty Hibler, Chair of Church Council OR any board member. |
| "Build the Vision" Ministry Plan | <p>Implementation of our ministry plan includes badly needed attention to our physical building and looking at added staff. Structural issues to be addressed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badly corroded front porch supports • Heating/cooling registers throughout the building • Choir platform reinforcement • Accessibility to all floors for all people (Elevator) • Inadequate class and meeting room space, office <p>To help with a master plan, Church Council has begun interviewing architects and construction firms. Another team has investigated capital campaign fundraising strategies and consultants. Look for congregational discussions on these possibilities in the coming weeks.</p> | <p>Betty Hibler, Chair of Church Council 986-7252</p> <p>Marlene Payne, Moderator 986-8100</p> <p>Jean Boyce, Immediate Past Moderator 986-2622</p> |
| Small Group Ministry | Our purpose is to create connections within the congregation that lead to faith development and exploration through a variety of trained lay leaders and interests. 5 small groups met through Lent and have had very positive experiences to share. These groups are now adding members and new leaders are being sought to meet the interest. Training/apprenticeship is available, as are opportunities to join a welcoming, friendly group! | Wyndee Holbrook, Director of Faith Development 200-9880 |
| Mission and Service Opportunities | Several opportunities to extend personal service are being arranged by the Mission and Service board. On April 24th volunteers are sought to engage an ecumenical park clean up. Plans are in the works for another trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS in October. | Doug Hindman, Chair of Mission and Service 985-0022 |
| Youth Service Trip to Minnesota | In late June the youth group will be traveling to Moorhead, MN for a Habitat for Humanity Project and fellowship with First Congregational UCC, where former intern Mark Pettis is now pastor. Money, volunteers, and chaperones are needed to help the group raise funds so all can go. | Deborah Payne, Youth Director 353-7577 |