

**THE UNION CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**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!

<b>Project/Idea</b>	<b>What's Happening?</b>	<b>Who to Contact</b>
<b>Architectural Renovation Planning</b>	The congregation elected 6 members to become our "Design Team," and hired Pearson & Peters as our architects. Their first meeting will be June 16, with congregation-wide meetings to follow. We hope to have a master plan completed by late August.	Bob Boyce, Chair 986-2622
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	The congregation voted unanimously to start a mission and vision-driven fundraising campaign for renovations, outreach and additional staffing. We've hired Darrell Copeland of RSI to be our trainer and stewardship consultant, and will be working toward a fall campaign to raise pledges and gifts of \$600,000-\$700,000 (2.5x our annual budget), payable over the next three years. Training and planning teams will begin in June and July.	Betty Hibler, Chair of Church Council, Marlene Payne, Moderator; Jean Boyce, Immediate Past Moderator.
<b>Porch Repair</b>	Last Sunday the congregation approved up to \$50,000 to be spent from the Hutchins Capital Improvement Fund and other sources to repair the front porch and steps, pending completion/inclusion of the project in the architect's master plan. Bids are in and Properties Board will be making final contractor selection soon. Work will begin immediately upon OK from design team and architects.	Bill Stolte, Properties Board Chair.
<b>Youth Service Trip to Minnesota</b>	Last week's lunch raised an additional \$500 for the MN trip in late June. They are now within \$800 of their goal. Wednesday Night Live Dinner will be a special Italian dinner to benefit their trip, and the members are available for yard work and other light chores!	Deborah Payne, Youth Director, 353-7577
<b>Prayer Chain Network</b>	Nurture and Care board is starting a Prayer Chain Network: you can be contacted by either phone or email and join others in praying for members and friends.	Call Joy Frazier (228-0030) to be added to the list.
<b>New Washable Tumblers for the Kitchen</b>	The Community Life and Growth Board has purchased 144 durable 9oz tumblers for cold beverages. Total cost was less than 6 months of disposable options.	Shirley Carlberg, 985-5501

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Communion For Home-Bound Members and Friends	The Nurture and Care Board and Pastor Kent have started a new tradition of blessing bread from our communion table (first Sunday of each month) to take to any who would like to receive at home. Anyone may receive, and <i>anyone may receive instruction on how to take the elements to others!</i> Special "traveling" communion sets are being commissioned from Tater Knob pottery with woven carrying baskets made by members of the church. 7 households were reminded of our love and care this last week.	Pastor Kent, Nancy Shinn, Joy Frazier, John Payne, Nora Ruth Jenkins.
Mission and Service Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Union Church members led services at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility eve of May 14.</li> <li>• A few spaces are available for a trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS in October 24-30.</li> </ul>	Biloxi: Doug Hindman, Chair of Mission and Service.
Wednesday Night Live	The last Wednesday Night Live Supper before our Summer Hiatus will be May 26, with a special Italian dinner to benefit the youth!	Deborah Payne, Youth Director, 353-7577
Vacation Bible School	VBS will be the evenings of June 27, 28, and 29 for both children and adults. Inflatable Fun slides, bible study and crafts for all ages! If you can volunteer, please call!	Wyndee Holbrook, Director of Faith Development, 200-9880
Service Sign Up Board	A new bulletin board has been installed in the sanctuary, specifically to inform and solicit service and ministry. Welcomers, ushers, those wishing to provide flowers, as well as sign ups for service trips will be here. Under our new governance, we rely on all of us taking a turn or two! Please check it out!	To Post: Joan English, church office.
Woman's Industrial	Last meeting of the year will be June 11. Director Loretta Mountjoy is retiring from the position. :) Mission and Service Board will be planning how best to fill it in her absence.	Loretta Mountjoy, 200-1414 & Doug Hindman, chair of Mission and Service Board.

**Please note:** in an effort to save money on paper, this issue of Consider may be on several different colors of paper. We're using up some "leftovers" rather than make a paper purchase.