

# This Week at Union Church

<b>Sun. Jan. 10</b>	9:30 am ..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am ..... Morning Worship
<b>Mon. Jan. 11</b>	6:30 pm ..... Finance Committee 7:00 pm ..... Mission Board 7:00 pm ..... AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
<b>Tues. Jan. 12</b>	6:00 pm ..... CE Board 6:30 pm ..... Trustees 7:00 pm ..... Boy Scouts 7:30 pm ..... Deacons
<b>Weds. Jan. 13</b>	<b>Wednesday Nite Live</b> 5:00 pm ..... Middle School Youth Group 5:45pm ..... Supper, donation, Community Room 6:15 pm ..... High School Youth Group 6:30 pm ..... College Fellowship, Community Rm, activities for elementary age kids in 104, 6:30 pm ..... Small Group Training Experience meeting, 204: see page 9 for info 7:00 pm ..... Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
<b>Thurs. Jan. 14</b>	10:30 am ..... Mothers Forum 12:00 pm ..... Bible Study 6:15 pm ..... Union Church Choir, Choir Room, 3rd floor
<b>Fri. Jan. 15</b>	9:00 pm ..... Woman's Industrial
<b>Sun. Jan. 17</b>	9:30 am ..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am ..... Morning Worship 4:00 pm ..... ShapeNote Singers

## *Especially in our prayers ...*

Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another through the ecumenical prayer cycle and, locally, the Berea Ministerial Association's prayer cycle. Please keep the people **Cyprus, Greece and Turkey** and our brothers and sisters at the **First Faith Independent Baptist Church**, in your hearts, and pray for them. Please also hold these concerns in your prayers today and throughout the week. (Prayer concerns can be submitted to the church office via phone or email).

- ◆ All who are serving or living in harm's way across the world, especially those suffering in the violence in the Middle East. We pray for the day when war shall be no more.
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**
- ◆ **Nancy Jones**, at home. She would welcome visitors and phone calls—986-3406.
- ◆ **Shirley Dean**, who is on the mend at home
- ◆ A friend of the Robertson family, **Judy Clark**, suffering with lung cancer
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center

## *Assisting in Worship*

Worship leader this morning is Merlin Kindel. **Readers are** Hazel Morris, Bob Shaffer and Gail Wolford **Worship leader next week:** Laurinda Pool

## Announcements

**New members will be received next week!** Union Church is a place where your faith can grow and deepen. We are actively looking for those who would like to explore discipleship with Jesus in this congregation. If you'd like to formally join Union Church, whether on January 17th or another time, please call the office.

**New Class began today! Not too late to start—join us next week!** Goals: a more meaningful bond with church family members, a deeper relationship with God, and a better understanding of the Bible. Seeking a few others who have similar goals and may experience similar difficulty in meeting these goals because of the busy-ness of their lives or just because they don't know where to start. Male or female, youngish or oldish, married or single, blessed and overwhelmed by small children or child-free, Sunday school class member from way back or unfamiliar with church traditions — all are welcome.

We will study the Bible with help from a book by Bob Darden called Reluctant Prophets and Clueless Disciples: Introducing the Bible By Telling Its Stories. If interested in participating in and helping create a stress-free, user-friendly, enriching adult Sunday School experience, please meet me, Alvera Perman, in Union Church's room 204 by the church office at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

**New year, new directory in the works**—the plan is that we will reuse the photos from the last directory BUT if you want to change your photo, you can email it (maybe your Facebook photo?) or bring it to the office. If you haven't had a photo taken for a directory yet, either submit one or call the office and we'll arrange to have one taken. Any corrections to your contact info would be appreciated as well.

**Union's Vision, Small Groups and YOU!** A beloved community of faith for Union Church would be one in which the acceptance and voice of every person is a basis for understanding the Kingdom of God and an exploration of the meaning of Christian discipleship in this time and place.

Initially, voluntary groups of a size that people would explore the meaning of Christian love and caring at a level of quality not readily accessible in a large congregation. As connected relations flourish, enabling the empowerment of individuals, the model would be permitted to grow organically to include more groups of people committed to asking, "what does love require", for a given relationship or relational situation.

Ultimately a core of committed Christians see the Kingdom for them as serving the broader community through a range of mission, educational and worship experience in which the person, (respect for their voice and choice), is always more important than things; and Christ's love is modeled for all those called to be in a relationship, deep or peripheral, with the Church.

**The Small Group Training Experience** begins **Wednesday January 13 at 6:30** following Wednesday Nite Live supper in the Wayside Room. Join Debbonnaire Kovacs and Wyndee Holbrook as Union Church begins this journey in carrying out our vision. Nursery is available.

**From the Madison County Health Department:** Today marks the beginning of National Influenza Vaccination Week, and Madison County Health Department is marking the occasion with two walk-in clinics for the H1N1 vaccine. On Monday, January 11th and Tuesday, January 12th, MCHD will host walk-in clinics from 3-6pm. The clinics will be open at both Berea and Richmond health department locations, no appointment is necessary and there is no charge.

**SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is an international non-profit** organization that works with leaders in business and higher education to mobilize university students to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders. The Berea College SIFE group is seeking donations of items to sell as a fundraiser: clothes, paintings, jewelry, etc. If you have questions, see Florence, our Childrens Church director.