

# This Week at Union Church

<b>Sun. Jan. 24</b>	9:30 am ..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am ..... Morning Worship 11:30 am ..... Luncheon to benefit Haiti earthquake victims, Comm. Rm.
<b>Mon. Jan. 25</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm ..... AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
<b>Tues. Jan. 26</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm ..... Boy Scouts
<b>Weds. Jan. 27</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel <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, Wayside Room 7:00 pm ..... Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
<b>Thurs. Jan. 28</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 10:30 am ..... Mothers Forum 12:00 pm ..... Bible Study 6:15 pm ..... Union Church Choir, Choir Room, 3rd floor
<b>Fri. Jan. 29</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 pm ..... Woman's Industrial
<b>Sat. Jan. 30</b>	8:00 am ..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel
<b>Sun. Jan. 31</b>	9:30 am ..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am ..... Morning Worship

## *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 **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden** and our brothers and sisters at the **Rocky Mountain Holiness 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.
- ◆ Those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**
- ◆ A friend of the Robertson family, **Judy Clark**, suffering with lung cancer
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ Welcome to the world **Rory William Spencer**, born January 21, the son of Elizabeth Spencer and grandson of Joe and Jessica. He weighed 9 lbs 5 oz. and all are doing fine.

## *Assisting in Worship*

Worship leader this morning is Stephanie Woodie Next week: Tom Manning-Beavin

Flowers today are a gift of Laura Magner in memory of Bob and Liz Menefee

## Announcements

**Daily Meditation Sessions in Cowan Chapel...** Tom Frazier will lead any who wish to come in meditation for about a half hour to begin the day centering the spirit. Come one day or every day, all are welcome. Enter the building from the ramp door off the parking lot, make a left, continue through the hall past the office and down the stairs. Cowan Chapel is on the right, the door is marked. If you would like to call Tom, his number is 228-0030.

**Small Group Training Experience** has had 14 in attendance in the first two weeks. We meet from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. after WNL dinner in the Dialog Room. Newcomers are welcome and notes are available to cover what's been missed. Great Expectations: Lenten small groups will be forming in February.

**Today, right after worship:** A group of Berea College students will prepare and serve Haitian and International cuisine between 11:30 and 1:30 in our Community Room. All are welcome, tickets are \$10 (\$5 under 10) and the funds raised will be donated to Partners in Health ([www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org)). PIH has been working in Haiti for over 20 years providing badly needed medical care. Their good work is needed now more than ever.

**Haitian Earthquake Relief:** People of every faith in every nation are uniting to address the tremendous devastation in Haiti. At this time, the best donation is money to support the transport and distribution of food and equipment. There is no system in place in Haiti for accepting donations of items. You can put your prayers into action by donating in these ways:

- ◆ Write a check to Union Church with “Haitian relief” in the memo line and place in an offering plate. Your contribution will be added to the \$1000 the Mission Board has allocated to Church World Service.
- ◆ Mail your donation marked “Haiti Relief” to Church World Service, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 700, New York, NY or to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC, 20013.
- ◆ Log onto [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org), [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org), or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and donate online. Online donation saves money because it is faster and less expensive than processing paper checks.
- ◆ Text the word "Haiti" to 90999 to donate \$10 to the Red Cross or give \$5 to the United Way by texting "Haiti" to 864833.

**Rev. Kent to Attend the Earl Lectures, Jan 25-Feb 2.** Rev. Kent will use one of his Continuing Education weeks to attend the Earl Lectures in Berkeley, CA. The topic this year will be exploring the needs of those who label themselves “Spiritual, but not Religious.” Next week, **Kevin Burke** will bring us the Word.

**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.

**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., by Feb. 8. If you have questions, see Florence, our Children's Church director, or email her at [Florence\\_Anyabuonwu@bereda.edu](mailto:Florence_Anyabuonwu@bereda.edu). Bring items to Room 101.