

This Week at Union Church

Sun. Feb. 7	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 2:00 pm Baby shower for Elizabeth Spencer, Comm. Room 4:00 pm ShapeNote Singers
Mon. Feb. 8	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 6:30 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. Feb. 9	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 5:00 pm Pastoral Relations Committee meets 6:00 pm Christian Ed. Board meets 6:30 pm Board of Trustees meets 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Board of Deacons meets
Weds. Feb. 10	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel Wednesday Nite Live 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 6:30 pm Bible Study on the Book of Romans, 204 7:00 pm Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
Thurs. Feb. 11	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
Fri. Feb. 12	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 pm Woman's Industrial
Sat. Feb. 13	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. Feb. 14	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Churchwide Potluck Supper
Mon. Feb. 15	Office closed in observance of Presidents Day

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 **Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands** and our brothers and sisters at the **Galilee 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.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ **Paul Smithson**, recovering well at home from back surgery

- ◆ **Mike Owens**, who had surgery last week
- ◆ **Roger and Lynn Cook**, at the death of her mother
- ◆ **Dave, Josa and Saidi Harl**, who have moved to Lexington. They send their love and will be back to visit when possible.

Assisting in Worship

Worship leader this morning is SaraKatherine Manning-Beavin Next week: Edith Hansen

Announcements

Children's Worship: You are needed to help shepherd children during their worship service on Sunday mornings. Since Florence Anyabuonwu is leading the Children's Worship each week, you simply need to volunteer for one Sunday when you will exit with Florence after Pastor Kent's Children's Sermon. Then your job is to assist Florence until the parents pick up their children after the service.

All are welcome for a Super Baby Party at 2:00 pm in the Community Room. Come and welcome the newest 'colt' to the Union Church family. Rory William Spencer was born to Elizabeth Spencer on January 21. Bring a dish and come celebrate with the Spencer family and their bundle of joy!

Forgot your Food Bank Contribution? In case you forgot that today – the first Sunday of February – is another Union Church Food Bank Sunday, it's not too late!! Please bring your contributions to the church office by noon Wednesday, February 10, or deliver them directly to the Food Bank and BUURR building (103 Parkway Avenue, just across from the City Hall parking lot) clearly marked "from Union Church." All contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! Current special needs identified by Food Bank director Jerry Workman include: pancake mix; corn meal mix; rolled oats or oat meal; fruit juices; canned fruit of all kinds; jellies and jams; tuna, salmon, and canned meat of all kinds; cooking oil (small and medium sizes); and pasta. Contributions of money to BUURR (Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief) are also welcome. Make your check to Union Church with BUURR in the memo line. Thank you for your continuing support of these important community programs, ministries of BFCO – the Berea Faith Community Outreach.

In an effort to address security concerns tomorrow, Monday Feb. 8th, Union Church's exterior doors will be rekeyed. If you have a key to the glass door at the handicap ramp, it won't work after Monday. All staff, Board chairs, officers, leaders of groups and programs can pick up keys at the office during regular business hours. Board Chairs who meet on this week will find a key in their mail trays.

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. If you would like to call Tom, his number is 228-0030.

Last call for Directory info! —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 come by the office and I'll take one with my phone. Any corrections to your contact info would be appreciated as well.—Joan English

NEW Class on Wednesdays "Romans" has been referred to as "The Gospel According to Paul." It was the last letter Paul wrote to a Christian community, and was surely his best written achievement. We will conduct a Bible Study of Paul's epistle to the Romans at Wednesday Nite Live. Class began last week, but it's not too late to join! The class will meet in Room 204 at 6:30 pm (plenty of time to enjoy the Wednesday Nite Live supper at 5:45 pm)! All are welcome, regardless of one's knowledge of the Bible (after all, we are here to learn). Any questions, call and talk to Bob Berger, 986-7507.

Next Sunday, Feb. 14, at 6:00 pm, all are invited to a Churchwide Potluck Supper.

The Buddha and the Possibility of Sustainable Religious Dialog All are welcome to attend this talk by Dr. J. Abraham Vélez de Cea (Department of Philosophy & Religion, Eastern Kentucky University), who will discuss the tension between inclusivist views (which assume that one's own religious tradition has all of the answers, even though others' traditions may have some of the answers) and pluralist views (which allow for less dogmatic, more humble approaches to others' traditions) of non-Buddhist traditions by Buddhists, as well as constructive ways of resolving this tension. Weds. Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30 pm, Room 103, Frost Building

KFTC's "I Love Mountains Day" Thursday, February 11th, State Capitol, Frankfort. More than 1,400 miles of streams have been buried or significantly damaged by valley fills from mountaintop removal and other mining practices. Join hundreds of other Kentuckians from across the state – including country musician Kathy Mattea – to march, rally, and lobby in support of the “the Stream Saver Bill” to prevent the dumping of toxic mine waste into Kentucky streams. Join us, bring friends, and wear red! We’re putting out a special call for young Kentuckians to join us! Parents, please bring your children and grandchildren. Young people, be sure to bring your parents and grandparents!

- ◆ 10:30 a.m.: Gather at the Kentucky River below the bridge at Capital Ave.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m.: March to the Capitol (Flat route is .6 miles.)
- ◆ 12:20 p.m.: Rally and music on the Capitol Steps
- ◆ 1:30 to 2 p.m.: Meet with your legislators.

Learn more, get directions, and RSVP at www.KFTC.org/love or call Berea's KFTC office at 986-1277.

The PERC Brunch! Feb 13th 11:30am - 1:30pm, Trustees Room, Seabury Center, Berea College. Sustainable Berea's first annual membership meeting -- “Partnering for an Engaged, Resilient Community”, will look at the 13 resolutions for programming and educational events for 2010 to make our community more resilient. The Berea College Blue Grass Ensemble will perform, SB board members will cook the food, there will be door prizes, rain barrels, raised beds, Re-skilling calendars, the Berea local recipe books, and a raffle for a hand-made cedar raised bed. Renew your membership or get your first one at the PERC Brunch. Reservations are recommended. Call 859-985-1689. \$5 per person, children 10 and under are free.