

This Week at Union Church

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 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm General Committee 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. Feb. 16	CONSIDER DEADLINE 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Memory Keepers
Weds. Feb. 17	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel Wednesday Nite Live 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group 5:45 pm 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 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Community Room
Thurs. Feb. 18	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. 19	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 pm Woman's Industrial
Sat. Feb. 20	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. Feb. 21	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:45 am Lenten lunch, prepared by the Christian Ed. Board 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 **Portugal, Spain, Italy and Malta** and our brothers and sisters at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, 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
- ◆ **BG Hibbard's son Paul**, who has undergone surgery for cancer and is recovering at Markey Cancer Center in Lexington

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Tony and Katie Basham**, celebrating the birth of Henry Jameson Basham on Monday the 8th, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.!

Assisting in Worship

Worship leader this morning is Edith Hansen Next week: Bob Berger

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.

Tonight at 6:00 pm, all are invited to a Valentines Day themed Churchwide Potluck Supper.

In an effort to address security Union Church's exterior doors have been rekeyed. All staff, Board chairs, officers, leaders of groups and programs have been issued new keys.

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.

Church Directories should be available late this week—please take the opportunity to look at your entry at the potluck tonight and make any corrections as needed.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Service in the Community Room at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of fasting, reflection, repentance and prayer. Like many churches, we hold a service during which the imposition of ashes takes place. On Ash Wednesday, an ashen cross is marked on the forehead or back of the hand, using ashes made from burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday service. Ashes are an ancient Hebrew symbol of repentance - people often dressed in sackcloth and covered themselves in ashes as a way of showing God that they were sorry for the things they had done wrong, and were seeking to turn their lives around. The ashes are mixed with olive oil, though - a symbol of God's favor - and conferred with words of forgiveness.

Lenten Lunches start next week!! The CE Board will provide the first Lenten lunch of the season, right after worship next week, Feb. 21. No set fee, donations will be cheerfully accepted.

Hearing assist units can be ordered at a cost of \$85 each. Please call or email the office if you'd like us to order one for you to purchase.

Here's a list of items brought to the office for lost & found—please claim if anything belongs to you:

- ◆ Green baseball cap, no logo
- ◆ Green & blue framed eyeglasses
- ◆ Small black umbrella
- ◆ Blue/turquoise beaded keychain
- ◆ Necklace on black cord with dragonfly charm
- ◆ Battery-operated Petzl headlamp
- ◆ Key to Mercedes vehicle (no vehicle attached)
- ◆ Small black-enamel and silver ring

Annual meeting March 14! Union Church's Annual Meeting, at which we elect Officers and Board members, will be March 14 right after worship and the Lenten lunch.