

This Week at Union Church

Sun. April 4	9:30 am Childrens' Activities in Room 104, followed by Easter Egg Hunt! 10:30 am Morning Worship
Mon. April 5	Office Closed 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 12:00-1:30 pm Small Group, Rm. 204 6:00 pm Community Life and Growth Board, Wayside Room 6:30-8:00m Small Group at Michelle Tooley's House (202 Forest) 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. April 6	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 6:30-8:00 pm Small Group Meeting: Dialogue Center
Weds. April 7	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 am-12:00 pm Work group—come to church and work on small repairs, inside and on the grounds 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 Bible Study on the Book of Romans, 204 7:00 pm Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
Thurs. April 8	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 7:00 pm Mission and Service Board meets, Rm. 204
Fri. April 9	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 am Woman's Industrial 7:00 pm Small Group meeting at Debbonnaire Kovacs' home, see announcement next page
Sat. April 10	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. April 11	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 3:00 pm Small Group Meeting

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 **East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines** and our brothers and sisters at **all the churches of the world**, 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 earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.
- ◆ **Patty Boyce**, who will soon have heart surgery.
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens.
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **John Courter**
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ **Lowell and Barbara Taylor**

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship leader this morning is Deborah Payne.

Announcements

Kaleidoscopes of Care groups are for all who are willing to commit to a regular hour and a half of sharing life with each other. Groups will decide how often they choose to meet during a two month period. All groups will be encouraged to explore a lectionary reading and pray during their time together. Each group is open to inviting new people and if the group exceeds 10, the group will multiply into 2 groups. Please complete the interest card, then place in the baskets when they're passed at the offering and you will be contacted about joining in!

Food Bank/BUURR Sunday! Today, as well as being Easter Sunday, is the first Sunday in April, and we have the opportunity to continue our tradition of bringing food contributions for the Berea Food Bank, and contributions to BFCO (Berea Faith Community Outreach).

The Food Bank is being used very heavily, and food supplies are low. As always, all contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! *Special needs* identified by Food Bank director Jerry Workman include: *pancake mix; syrup; corn bread mix; fruit juices; canned fruit of all kinds; jellies and jams; tuna, salmon, and canned meat of all kinds; and spaghetti sauce.*

Your contributions may be placed in the collection box in the vestibule. Over-and-above financial contributions can be made by writing "BFCO" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your continuing support of these important community programs, administered by the ecumenical group, Berea Faith Community Outreach.

New Small Bible & Music Group starting up. Join IN! Debbonnaire Kovacs' house on Friday evenings at 7pm, beginning on the Friday after Easter, April 9. This group will use music and group activities to enrich its Bible study and discussion. To join, call Debbonnaire at 859-779-0793 or just show up! Children are welcome to the first meeting, after which a group decision will be made concerning children/childcare. 773 Big Hill Rd, Berea, (Red house, about 2 miles east of the church on the right hand side).

Friday, April 9: The Brahms Requiem will be performed on Friday, April 9, at Transylvania University and Saturday, April 10, at the Norton Center for the Arts. See poster in the back hallway for details. Our own Steve Bolster is the featured soloist.

Friday, April 16: Annual SaraCare Benefit Concert Here! SaraCare raises money to support those suffering with childhood cancers and their families. Please join in the festivities which include a supper, raffle bags, silent auction, and live musical entertainment with local talent and a few surprise Nashville stars! Watch for more info!

Sunday, April 18: Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Plan to stay after church on Sunday, April 18, and help write letters to Congress on behalf of low-income families. This year, our offering will urge Congress to protect and strengthen tax credits that help low-income working families. Programs like these make sure families can provide for their food and other basic needs. Each year, the Earned Income Tax Credit alone lifts 5 million Americans, including 2.6 million children, above the poverty line. Can we meet a goal of 100 letters to Senators McConnell and Bunning and Representative Chandler? To get there, we'll need your help! And to reward your efforts, home-baked bread and coffee will be served!

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 24, 10:00-12:00. We will join hands with the fellowship of the local Latter Day Saints congregation to plant, weed, and clean up the Berea Parks ball fields and walking paths areas behind the Berea Community School. Everyone is invited, and families with children are especially welcome to join in this service opportunity. Morning refreshments and fellowship will precede our work together. Won't you pitch in? Please call or e-mail Teri Mehler to reply: teri@kellymehler.com or (home) 986-8761.

It is almost time to revive the RAISED BEDS in front of the church to produce this year's crops for donation to the Food Bank. Please consider signing up for one day per week to help tend the beds and get the produce into the hands of those who may be needing good foods. Paul Smithson has volunteered to lead the effort. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the front of the church or contact Paul to add your name to the list. Go GREEN for a good cause! (Paul's phone: 859-985-3716 days, 606-965-1267 evenings.)

Steve Goff has a new address: Steven Goff 142013 Dorm 7; Eastern Ky. Correctional Complex; 200 Road to Justice; West Liberty; KY; 41472

The Gift of Easter Lilies are given...

in memory of Jim Morgan by Lois and family
in memory of James Bowling and Toni Sims by Maurice and BG Hibbard
in memory of Pauline Whitley (1918-2010), beloved grandmother of Tina Parker and Jason Bailey
and great-grandmother of Iris & Opal Bailey
in memory of her parents, Ella and Henry Behrendes, by Betty Hibler
in memory of loved ones, by Les and Mary Lou Pross
in memory of the Studor family and the Stolte family
in memory of Brian Bowling, Evan Thomas, DeMarcus White, Matt Ross and Pedro Salinas
in memory of Cora and Alec Jones, Betty Balfour and Kenneth Swan by Nancy and Loyal Jones
in memory of Robert and Ethel Stewart, parents of Nancy Hindman
in memory of Charles and June Hindman, parents of Doug and Sally
Hindman
in honor of Helen Lujin and Mary Jones, mothers of Carla Gilbert
and Kevin Burke
in memory of Marie Gilbert by Kent Gilbert
in memory of Gib Gilbert by Kent Gilbert
in memory of departed friends: Dorothy Crandall, Thelma Barlow, Molly Levey, Tom Kemp,
Harry Robie, Kevin Warmath, Jody Smith and Anne Stephenson by Kent Gilbert
in memory of Rebecca Rhodes by Steve and Ann Rhodes
in honor of the infants, children and youth of Union Church by John and Marlene Payne
in memory of DB Robertson
in memory of Luther and Mayme Lakes Morris and Jack Douglas Morris by Hazel Morris
to the Glory of Easter by Kevin Burke and Carla Gilbert!