

This Week at Union Church

Sun. April 11	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship
Mon. April 12	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 12:00-1:30 pm Small Group, Rm. 204 6:30-8:00m Small Group at Michelle Tooley's, 202 Forest 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. April 13	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 6:00 pm Faith Development Board meets, Room 101 6:30 pm Administration, Finance & Stewardship, and Properties Boards meet together in Conference Room 6:30 pm Worship Board meets in Wayside Room 6:30 pm Nurture and Care Board meets in Room 204 6:30-8:00 pm Small Group Meeting, Dialog Center
Weds. April 14	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 4:30 pm Pastoral Relations Committee meets 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 15	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. April 16	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 am Woman's Industrial 7:00 pm Small Group Meeting, Debbonnaire Kovacs', 773 Big Hill Rd
Sat. April 17	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. April 18	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship, followed by Bread for the World Offering of Letters 1:00 pm Re-Entry Partners meets 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 **Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan** and our brothers and sisters at **Liberty Avenue 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.
- ◆ **Patty Boyce**, who will have soon heart surgery on April 15th
- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **Joyce Cooper**, facing liver surgery for the recurrence of cancer
- ◆ **Judy Rowell**, recently in Pattie A. Clay for diagnostic observation

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship leader this morning is Tina Walters. **Next week:** Adam Bailey

Announcements

The Mission and Service Board is planning another Back Bay Mission trip to Biloxi, MS Oct. 24 –30 to continue the restoration of homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Besides working on houses, folks are needed to assist in the food bank, the clothing bank and in the office. Contact Gerald Catron ASAP, if you want to go, at 859-626-9741 (cell 859-358-3996) or by e-mail mountainrivers@yahoo.com. **THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES.**

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 fill out an interest card—available in the vestibule—return it to the office and you will be contacted about joining in!

New Small Bible & Music Group starting up. Join IN! Debbonnaire Kovacs' house on Friday evenings at 7pm. 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! 773 Big Hill Rd, Berea, (Red house, about 2 miles east of the church on the right).

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's address has changed: Steven Goff 142013 Dorm 5 CL7U; P.O. Box 9300; 1200 River Rd.; Central City; KY; 42330-9300.

What's Going On? Here's How to Know!

Union Church is actively seeking to embody the life and ministry of Christ. Ministry projects abound, as do the tasks that support and serve them. Since each member here is a minister of the church we felt it was important to try more ways to help us all know about them, especially to connect ministers to ministries. Please contact the designated persons to learn more and get involved!

Project/Idea	What's Happening?	Who to Contact
New Board Structure Pilot Project	8 new boards meet this month for the first time. A great board orientation session was held on March 27. We'll have a "check in" evaluation in September as we move through our 18-month pilot	Betty Hibler, Chair of Church Council OR any board member.
"Build the Vision" Ministry Plan	<p>Implementation of our ministry plan includes badly needed attention to our physical building and looking at added staff. Structural issues to be addressed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badly corroded front porch supports • Heating/cooling registers throughout the building • Choir platform reinforcement • Accessibility to all floors for all people (Elevator) • Inadequate class and meeting room space, office <p>To help with a master plan, Church Council has begun interviewing architects and construction firms. Another team has investigated capital campaign fundraising strategies and consultants. Look for congregational discussions on these possibilities in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Betty Hibler, Chair of Church Council 986-7252</p> <p>Marlene Payne, Moderator 986-8100</p> <p>Jean Boyce, Immediate Past Moderator 986-2622</p>
Small Group Ministry	Our purpose is to create connections within the congregation that lead to faith development and exploration through a variety of trained lay leaders and interests. 5 small groups met through Lent and have had very positive experiences to share. These groups are now adding members and new leaders are being sought to meet the interest. Training/apprenticeship is available, as are opportunities to join a welcoming, friendly group!	Wyndee Holbrook, Director of Faith Development 200-9880
Mission and Service Opportunities	Several opportunities to extend personal service are being arranged by the Mission and Service board. On April 24th volunteers are sought to engage an ecumenical park clean up. Plans are in the works for another trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS in October.	Doug Hindman, Chair of Mission and Service 985-0022
Youth Service Trip to Minnesota	In late June the youth group will be traveling to Moorhead, MN for a Habitat for Humanity Project and fellowship with First Congregational UCC, where former intern Mark Pettis is now pastor. Money, volunteers, and chaperones are needed to help the group raise funds so all can go.	Deborah Payne, Youth Director 353-7577