

This Week at Union Church

- 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
12:00 pm Small group at Debbonnaire Kovacs', see revised
..... announcements page 8
1:00 pm Re-Entry Partners meets
3:00 pm Small Group Meeting
4:00 pm ShapeNote Singers
- Mon. April 19** 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 Church Council (former General Committee) meets, Conference
Room
7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Rm. 301, this week only
7:00 pm Shane Claiborne speaks, sanctuary
- Tues. April 20** **CONSIDER DEADLINE**
8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
6:30-8:00 pm Small Group Meeting, Dialog Center
7:00 pm Memory Keepers
- Weds. April 21** 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 "God Saves a People," 204
7:00 pm Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
- Thurs. April 22** 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 23** 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
9:00 am Woman's Industrial
- Sun. April 25** 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
10:30 am Morning worship
11:45 am Parents Lunch, Community Room, see
announcement p. 9
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 **Djibouti and Somalia** and our brothers and sisters at **Wallaceton 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**, recuperating from heart surgery at UK Medical Center
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens.
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**

- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**, who is undergoing treatment
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ **Lowell and Barbara Taylor**
- ◆ **Joyce Cooper**, who will begin chemotherapy for liver tumors soon
- ◆ **Judy Rowell**, recovering from an ulcer
- ◆ **Loretta Powell**, mother of Becky Powell, who had heart catheterization and a stent put in on Wednesday
- ◆ **Ben Neal**, suffering with kidney stones, at school in Bowling Green

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship leader this morning is Adam Bailey. **Next week:** Sara Katherine Manning-Beavin
Thanks to musicians BG Hibbard and Betty Hibler for sharing their talents today

Announcements

Tomorrow, April 19, offers a special opportunity to hear Shane Claiborne, founder of The Simple Way, a faith community in Philadelphia, which aspires to spread the vision of 'Loving God, Loving People, and Following Jesus' in our neighborhoods and in our world. His talk begins at **7:00 pm, in the sanctuary**. Doors open, and childcare available, at 6:30. Admission charge is one item of non-perishable food. Event sponsored by the Berea College Ecovillage.

Today: Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Plan to stay after church 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! In the Community Room.

Today, right after church, those who think they might be interested in a small group at Debbonnaire Kovacs' house are invited to lunch to discuss timing and themes. The group will be intergenerational--children welcome--and will use music and activities to enhance our Bible study and fellowship. Debbonnaire's house is the red house on the right, 1/2 mile down Prospect. Plenty of parking, come one come all! 859-779-0793

New Wednesday Nite Live! opportunity! This study began on 4/14 and ends on 5/26: "God Saves a People" 6:30 - 8:00 pm Room 204 Examining how God delivers His people: from Exodus through the Gospels... Questions? Call Bob Berger 986-7507

Saturday, 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.

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.

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!

April 25 Parents' Lunch! Parents' Lunch after the service on Sunday April 25. Faith Development Board will provide lasagna and bread. Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

- ◆ Parents of babies through high school seniors are eagerly encouraged to come and dialogue about the future of faith development for our kids.
- ◆ Opportunity to connect with other parents and determine a regular gathering for Union's parents. Infant and child care will be provided following the meal.

As you know, Union Church's Boards have been reorganized. The Nurture and Care Board would like to revitalize the Prayer Chain and add new caring people. If you would like to be a part of the Chain contact Joy Frazier at 859-228-0030. You do not have to go anywhere or do anything except offer your own prayer when there is a need, and notify the next person on the list.

Nurture & Care is also updating the list of individuals who would be willing to drive members to appointments. If you can be a part of this meaningful service on occasion please call Joy Frazier or John Payne 986-8100.

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