

This Week at Union Church

Sun. April 25	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 11:45 am Parents Lunch, Community Room 12:00 pm Small Group at Debbonnaire Kovacs' 3:00 pm Small Group Meeting
Mon. April 26	8:00 am Zen 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 27	8:00 am Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel 6:30-8:00 pm Small Group Meeting, Dialog Center 7:00 pm Memory Keepers
Weds. April 28	8:00 am Zen 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 29	8:00 am Zen 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 30	8:00 am Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 am Woman's Industrial
Sun. May 2	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning worship 11:45 am Youth Group Fundraiser Lunch, Comm. Room 12:00 pm Small Group at Debbonnaire Kovacs' 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 **Eritrea and Ethiopia** and our brothers and sisters at **West Side 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
- ◆ **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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship leader this morning is Sara Katherine Manning-Beavin. Next week: Michelle Tooley

Announcements

Today - Parents' Lunch! Parents' Lunch after the service. Faith Development Board will provide lasagna and bread.

- ◆ 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.

Offering of Letters goal reached! The goal of 100 letters to Senators McConnell and Bunning and Representative Chandler was exceeded!! These letters, written to Congress on behalf of low-income families, urging the protection and strengthening of tax credits, will be blessed today and mailed tomorrow. 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.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replenish, and Restore! First observed in the United States in 1970, Earth Day (April 22) - or Earth Week - is celebrated worldwide as a time to focus on conservation and preservation of the world's resources. Earth Day celebrations often feature educational programs and community activities such as cleaning up public parks and roadsides, and participation in public recycling efforts. As stewards of God's gifts, we are called to take care of God's creation.

Shine a Light for the Environment. Cash offerings today go to purchase compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) for Berea Food Bank families. Each family will get a CFL plus information on the cost and environmental advantages of CFLs. You may also give a check, marked "CFL Project" or leave contributions in the church office. Please help the environment and needy families in Berea.

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!

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, or to church services or meetings. If you can be a part of this meaningful service on occasion please call Joy Frazier or John Payne 986-8100.

Annual Concert Choir Spring Concert Saturday, May 1 The annual Spring Concert by the Berea College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, Stephen Bolster, conductor will be held on Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. in Gray Auditorium on the Berea College campus. The choral concert will be accompanied by Ryan Shirar on the piano. There is no admission charge.

Our secretary will be on vacation from May 5—12. If anyone is able to staff the office for all or part of a weekday, please call or email the office. Shifts are from 9-12 and 1-4. Thanks.