

# This Week at Union Church

<b>Sun. May 23</b>	9:30 am ..... Christian Education for all ages, last day for the summer
	10:30 am ..... Morning Worship
	12:00 pm ..... Small Group at Debbonnaire Kovacs' 3:00 pm Small Group Meeting
<b>Mon. May 24</b>	8:00 am ..... Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel
	12:00-1:30 pm ..... Small Group, Rm. 204
	7:00 pm ..... AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
<b>Tues. May 25</b>	8:00 am ..... Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel
	6:00 pm ..... Small Group Meeting, Dialog Center
<b>Weds. May 26</b>	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
	<b>Wednesday Nite Live</b>
	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
<b>Thurs. May 27</b>	8:00 am ..... Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel
	10:30 am ..... Mothers Forum
	12:00 pm ..... Bible Study
<b>Fri. May 28</b>	8:00 am ..... Zen Meditation in Cowan Chapel
	9:00 am ..... Woman's Industrial
<b>Sun. May 30</b>	10:30 am ..... Morning worship
	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 **Botswana and Zimbabwe** and our brothers and sisters at **Pilgrim Ministries**, 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 **Graduating from Berea College** today! May they who have achieved much, aspire to more and greater service!
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**, beginning radiation treatments this week
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ **Barb** and the family and friends of **Lowell Taylor**, at Lowell's death
- ◆ **Joyce Cooper**, who will begin chemotherapy for liver tumors soon
- ◆ **Tom Hubbard** and family, at the unexpected death of his sister, **Barbara**, in California
- ◆ The **Fistori** family, at the death of **Bob** at age 88, last month. Bob and Jane Fistori directed Woman's Industrial for many years and had retired to the southwest
- ◆ **Nancy Rosser Hutchins**, at home with her family in Sebastopol, CA, under hospice care
- ◆ **Jean Huffman**

## **Assisting in Worship This Week**

**Worship leader this morning is** John Culp. **Next week:** Elizabeth Spencer

**Many thanks to** Betty Hibler for playing the organ today.

## **Announcements**

**We Are Building the Vision!!** At last week's special called congregational meeting attended by 80+ voting members, we elected a design team from members and friends, hired the Pearson & Peters Architectural firm to help us with a master renovation plan, contracted with Resource Services, Inc (RSI) to undertake a capital campaign in October/November of this year, and gave necessary approvals to prepare for financing these tasks and an imminent porch repair as part of implementing the next steps in our vision process. After good and thoughtful discussion, each motion was approved with no dissenting votes. These decisions will shape our service and work in the community for years to come. As plans are developed, all meetings are open to any interested person, and there will be special design meetings for the whole church. We hope to have a master plan for how to improve both building, staffing, and mission in late August of this year!

**Today is Pentecost!** We are excited and blessed to have Wyndee Holbrook, Union Church Director of Faith Development bring us the Word today. (Rev. Kent is representing Union Church on the platform of Berea College's Baccalaureate Service.) Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover.

While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation.

The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (Acts 2:1-41).

**No More Bottle Caps Needed** - Woman's Industrial is no longer collecting them.

**Join the Prayer Chain!** The Nurture and Care Board would like to revitalize the Prayer Chain and add new caring people. You can be notified by either phone or email when there is a need for prayer at a number or address of your choice, giving comfort and blessing from wherever you are. If you would like to be a part of the Chain contact Joy Frazier at 859-228-0030.

**Drivers Needed: A ministry of movement!** 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. Upcoming needs may include radiation treatments for members, and doctor's appointments in Richmond or Lexington.

**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!

**Next Sunday will be Youth Sunday!** On this last weekend of May, our Youth Fellowship groups will lead us in worship and song. We are blessed to have so many talented and enthusiastic young people ministering in our midst. and we will celebrate their work and ministry in this special service. See you there!

**Opportunity for Caregivers** — There will be an interactive videoconference entitled "Pharmacologic Treat-

ment and New Discoveries of Alzheimer's Disease: An Update," on May 25 from 9:30-12:30 at several locations in Kentucky. The nearest to us is in Lexington at the UK Dept. of Psychiatry. The cost is \$30 and registration materials are in the office.

**Please Help Steward our Building:** The air conditioning has been turned on. Please keep windows closed and thermometers adjusted properly during meetings and other activities. If you find a room in the building with open windows, or if it's much too cool, please feel free to fix the problem—we're all in this together!

**Loretta Mountjoy in our Prayers...** We are sad to report that Loretta Mountjoy, director of the Union Church Woman's Industrial program, is unable to continue past the end of this program year due in part to mounting health problems. Loretta has been a faithful leader of this 115-year outreach of the congregation since she was hired in 1998. In her 12 years she has helped revitalize the quilting projects, introduced additional craft items and projects, and developed important relationships with the participants, the Appalachian Fund of Berea College, and the wider community. In the coming months Loretta will be having multiple surgeries, including a defibrillating pace-maker, shoulder and wrist repairs. We hold Loretta and all those who will miss her leadership in our prayers. Hope Hounshell, a long-time participant in the program, has agreed to help on an interim basis.