

This Week at Union Church

Sun. Aug. 22	9:15—10:15 am..... Rally Day!! Community Room 10:30 am Morning Worship
Mon. Aug. 23	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book study, Dialog Center
Tues. Aug. 24	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm Memory Keepers
Thurs. Aug. 26	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 10:30 am Mothers Forum 12:00 pm Bible Study
Fri. Aug. 27	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 9:00 am Woman's Industrial
Sun. Aug. 29	10:30 am Morning worship

Right after worship—all are welcome to come to the Community Room for lunch and a preview of the Second Sunday Bible Club. See the announcement on page 10

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 of **Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania** and our brothers and sisters at **Whites Memorial Presbyterian Church** in your hearts, and pray for them. Please also hold these concerns in your prayers today and throughout the week.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Entering and Returning Students, Faculty and Staff of Berea College**, as a new year school year begins, may blessings abound.
- ◆ **Luther Center**, scheduled for surgery to repair a hole in his heart.
- ◆ **Les Kovacs, Debonnaire** and all the family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ **Nancy Rosser Hutchins**, at home with her family in Sebastopol, CA, under hospice care
- ◆ **Jean Huffman**
- ◆ **Linda LeForce**, twins Karmen & DeLaney, their sister Brielle and their mom Sherry LeMaster
- ◆ **Betty Wray**, back from Wisconsin
- ◆ **Tom Frazier**, at St. Joseph Lexington, and **Joy**
- ◆ **Dave and Josa Harl**, 628 W. Main St., Lexington, 40508 who are hosting Joy Frazier
- ◆ **Shirley Dean**
- ◆ **Jennie Pollard**, who will leave tomorrow for graduate school in social work at the University of Michigan
- ◆ **Dan Nazworth**, friend of Wyndee Holbrook, having his kidney removed due to a large tumor.

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leader this morning is Joe Spencer. **Next week:** Sally Zimmerman

Many Thanks to Ryan Shirar, organist today; harpist **Jeni Balcom**, and fiddler, **Simone Westerkamp**, mother and daughter, who have been playing Irish music for about 10 years, and who come to us courtesy of the Berea Celtic Festival.

Announcements

Welcome Berea Celtic Festival Participants! Union Church is pleased to be a sponsor of this first annual festival of music and culture. We are delighted to welcome Jeni Balcom and her daughter Simone Westerkamp as our special guests and musicians. Simone danced with the McGing Irish Dancers for most of

those years. Simone also studied classical music while attending the School for Creative and Performing Arts. Jeni performs widely in several Irish/Celtic bands and teaches at *the Riley School of Irish Music* in Cincinnati. The music they play is the traditional dance music of Ireland, not pub songs that are popular today, but traditional music of the people, that has been passed down from person to person through the generations. We are delighted to have them join us for worship today.

Welcome Berea Students! Union Church founded Berea College with the hope that students of every race and class could grow and benefit from a sound education. That dream is alive and well and we are delighted to welcome you (and welcome you back) for a year of learning, service, and faith! Our college fellowship will begin meeting soon. Please leave your email on the fellowship pad if you would like more information.

Farewell to Thomassons... Today we bid farewell to Anne and Bill Thomasson who have been faithful and wonderful companions on our journey of faith since 2002. They have seized the chance to move to a retirement facility with other close family members, and so must leave their Berea friends and family. We pray Christ's blessing be with them, knowing that God will watch between us while we are apart.

Join Us Next Week for Musical Church 5th Sunday!! This year Rev. Kent and the Worship Board want to invite you to special services every 5th Sunday. Next week we are tossing out the sermon and throwing in the folk music, the poetry, and the power of God in community. Join us as Rev. Kent is joined by Andy and Sue Blyth for a service of grace, levity, poignancy, and love all shared through gift of intergenerational music! What a good Sunday to invite friends and family!

Today's light for Justice is lit for Alicia Garcia. One of the most important voices against violence and repression in El Salvador died in early August after a year-long battle with cancer. Alicia Garcia, founder and long-time member of the Committee of Mothers (COMADRES) was a constant presence in the struggle for respect for human life in this small Central American country torn apart by a 12-year civil war (1980 to 1992). Garcia paid a high price for her place in that struggle, losing several of her children to captivity, disappearance and death. And she herself was captured and tortured multiple times. During the war, Garcia was under constant threat of death for her stand against the government's rule of impunity, but her work with COMADRES resulted in the release of many who were captured, and in the locations of bodies of those who had been killed in prisons. We light this flame for all who have sought God's just and lasting peace, inspired this week by Alicia Garcia.



Union Church is a place where your faith can grow and deepen. We are actively looking for those who would like to explore discipleship with Jesus in this congregation and share in its joyful work. If you'd like to formally join Union Church, please see Rev. Kent or call the church office.

Bible Club mini session next week -- In an effort to reach more children and youth, the Faith Development Board is trying something new and different this fall. **No longer will there be Sunday School for preschool - high school, or ages 3 -18,** instead we will offer **Second Sunday Bible Club.** If you heard about the fun and learning at Vacation Bible School, then know Second Sunday will be equally exciting.

An introductory mini session will be offered for children and parents following the worship service on **Sunday August 29.** Starting on September 12 music, learning and fun will begin with a light meal after the service and the program will end at 2:30, followed by 30 minutes of supervised playground time.

Many volunteers will be needed to make Second Sundays a success, join us for one session or the year!

Areas of service: Kitchen, Storytelling, and teaching/ craft assistants for the following age groups: preschool, elementary, middle school and high school

Invitation from First Christian Church! "We would like to our friends at Union Church to attend the opening service of worship and dedication in our new church building! On Sunday, August 29 at 3:00 p.m., we will gather in Fellowship Hall, where we currently worship, in order to bring closure to this stage in our journey and then process to the new building. We hope that you will be present to share in this with us."

If you are interested in the Back Bay Mission trip to Biloxi Ms. on October 24-30 please call Gerald Catron at 859-626-9741 or e mail mountainrivers@yahoo.com. Volunteer opportunities include rehabbing houses, food bank, soup kitchen or working in the office. I have 4 spots available bringing our total number to 15.

The Worship Board is seeking volunteers to assist the Board with Sunday activities such as ushering, taking up offering, greeting, or Communion Service. If interested, please speak to a member of the Board: Jenny Bromley, Carla Gilbert or Bob Boyce.

The Church Bazaar is October 9! 100% of the money raised benefits service projects here in Berea, around our state, and across the world. We need volunteers to help sort and price prior to our sale in October - just around the corner - and we need all hands on deck to help display and sell our wares. Household items (not electronics), art, plants, collectibles, books, furniture, and items of distinction suitable for silent auction are all needed and can be brought to the church starting RIGHT NOW. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up at the Service Board in the sanctuary for helping with the bazaar, especially for: taking money at a checkout table, an hour shift at least; set up, Friday evening and Saturday morning; take down and clean up, of course, managing games such as corn hole, dime toss, basketball shoot, and others. Contact John Payne (our Bazaar Czar) at 986-8100. And Joyce Fields, phone 986-9899, has Bazaar Quilt tickets for sale. See her at church or call. She asks for volunteers to take a few packets, one dollar a ticket, or 6 for 5 dollars, and sell to others or buy yourself. Thank you! Thanks! With your help we can extend the reach of God's love.

Fall Film Festival! The Berea Ministerial Association is sponsoring a First Friday Film Festival, beginning Sept. 3, with Gandhi. All films are shown at the Madison County Public Library in the theater. No charge, all welcome to attend and share in a discussion afterward.

Join in Prayers for Creation, September 11, 2010, Whitesburg KY.

Fr. John Rausch and many others of all faiths are gathering on Sept. 11 to hold prayers in honor of creation, and in hopes of better stewardship of our land and the people who live in places affected by mountain top removal. Those interested in joining a Union Church contingent to this ecumenical gathering should let Rev. Kent know of your interest. Also see this video by BG Hibbard's brother Hunter: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8gJrTe2O18> a beautiful tribute to the mountains set to a chanted requiem mass.

Choir is Forming and Needs Singers!! Choir is not only a way to serve the wider church, it's great fellowship immersed in great music. All comers are invited to be a part of this ministry and gift. Choir meets on Thursday nights at 6:15 in room 303. The first rehearsal will be **September 2** and everyone who wants to come is welcome. You don't have to know how to read music, nor have sung before. If you have questions or schedule conflicts please contact Gina Chamberlain, 985-9526.

An Announcement about Announcements: in an effort to reduce the length of the spoken announcement time during service, the Worship Board reminds everyone that announcements are best understood & remembered when printed in the bulletin. You can phone them into the office at 986-3725 or email them to office@unon-church.org by Thursday noon. Thanks!