

This Week at Union Church

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. Right after worship..... Info session regarding Capital Campaign, Dialogue Center
Mon. Aug. 30	8:00 am..... Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm Church Council meets 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book study, Dialog Center
Tues. Aug. 31	8:00 am..... Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm Memory Keepers
Weds. Sept. 1	7:00 pm Info session regarding Capital Campaign, Dialogue Center
Thurs. Sept. 2	8:00 am..... Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 10:30 am..... Mothers Forum 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Choir begins its year! Room 303, you are welcome to join them!
Fri. Sept. 3	8:00 am..... Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 9:00 am..... Woman's Industrial
Sun. Sept. 5	10:30 am..... Morning worship
Mon. Sept. 6	Office closed in observance of Labor Day

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 **Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia** and our brothers and sisters at **the Berea Friends Meeting** 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 Sept. 3 to repair a hole in his heart.
- ◆ **Les Kovacs, Debbonnaire** 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
- ◆ **Tom Frazier**, at St. Joseph Lexington, and **Joy**
- ◆ **Shirley Dean**
- ◆ **Dan Nazworth**, friend of Wyndee Holbrook, having his kidney removed due to a large tumor.
- ◆ **Jeff Pool** and family, at the death of his father, Roger, in Texas
- ◆ **Jean Seals**, diagnosed with bladder cancer

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leader this morning is Sally Zimmerman. **Next week:** Wyndee Holbrook

“**Minstrel with a message**” is how Andy Blyth would describe himself. He and his wife, Sue Peterson Blyth, will introduce us today to **MUSICAL CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLES**. Andy is a gifted performer, who's been musically on the go for twenty plus years. A featured performer with Tickle Tune Typhoon, a children's music group which has won several national Parents Choice Awards, Andy picks folk songs which are inspirational as well as imaginative and soul searching. Sue Peterson Blyth, known by the Sunday School set as “The Tickled Toon” – is

the cheerleader, song leader and toe tapper. Expect her to get you on your feet and push you out of your comfort zone. Andy and Sue use music to inspire action and connection with your creative Spirit. They also expect you to sing when the Spirit says sing and move when the Spirit says move!

Announcements

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.

New Intern Associate Minister, Steve Sherman, joins the staff this week! Continuing our welcome and assistance for those seeking to prepare themselves for called ministry, Union Church welcomes Lexington Theological Seminary student **Steve Sherman** as our 2010-2011 Intern Associate Minister.

Steve, a second year Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) student at LTS, already has a connection to members of our church. He and his wife, Erin, served with Deborah Payne in Uganda with the Peace Corps, and while completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph Hospital, he has been the chaplain assigned to Tom and Joy Frazier's floor. Steve and Erin have a near-two-year old, Gabriel, and live in Lexington. Steve will be spending 15-20 hours a week in ministry here from September through May, assisting in all aspects of parish life, preaching once a month, and taking the lead on special projects. Church Council is grateful for those who have volunteered to form an Intern Support Committee: Tina Parker, Steve Rhodes, and David and Lisa Shroyer. Steve will be officially welcomed in worship on September 12. Please introduce yourselves and make the Shermans feel at home!

Wednesday Nite Live! begins Sept. 8 with a meal at 5:45 (donation, no set fee). Activities for all ages AND a Town Hall meeting with the Design Team and Staffing Committee. Community Room, all welcome!

Today's light for Justice is lit in honor of Desmond Tutu. Desmond Tutu was the first black General Secretary of the United Church of South Africa, elected in 1978. We was appointed bishop of the Archdiocese of Cape Town in 1984 during the height of apartheid oppressions by a white majority government. Through tireless, impassioned, non-violent leadership, Tutu helped dismantle that system and chaired South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation commission. Both of the Tutu's daughters are graduates of Berea College. In 2005, Archbishop Tutu came to Berea and rang the Union Church peace bell with prayers that God's work of justice would never cease to ring out in this congregation and community. This month he announced that at 79 he is retiring from his international work and speaking schedule. We kindle a flame in his honor, praying that we may carry the light of his work with us always.

Thanks to all your support,! Linda LeForce is ready to transition to cloth diapers for the twins! Babysitters are still needed on Sundays from about 5 - 8 p.m. Please call Rachel Dorroh at 985-8724 to schedule babysitting. Thanks again!

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 TODAY -- 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

First Christian Church Dedication 3:00pm! “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.”

FOOD BANK Sunday!!! Next Sunday, being the first Sunday in September, is a Union Church FOOD BANK Sunday!!! Our tradition at Union Church for many years has been to bring food contributions for the Berea Food Bank to the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month. The Food Bank is being used very heavily this year, and food supplies are needed. As always, all contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! Special needs identified by Food Bank director Jerry Workman include: fruit juice; canned fruit of all kinds; jellies and jams; peanut butter; tuna, salmon, and canned meat of all kinds; canned tomatoes, carrots and veggies of all kinds; spaghetti sauce; corn meal (1 lb. bags most helpful); flour (2 or 5 lb bags). Please bring your contributions next Sunday (or before) to collection box in the vestibule or deliver them directly to the Food Bank and BUURR building (103 Parkway Avenue, just across from the City Hall parking lot) clearly marked “from Union Church.” Thank you for your continuing support of this important community program, one of three administered by the ecumenical group, Berea Faith Community Outreach (BFCO).

Life Line screening! For those who are interested in spending 9 minutes that can save your life and prevent stroke, Life Line Screening will be at Berea United Methodist Church on Thursday, 9/2/2010. The stroke test is painless and non-invasive and just takes 9 minutes. Please call 1-800-679-5609 (FED church) regarding questions, costs and appointment time. We care about your health.

Back Bay Mission Trip for adults 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.

Music Filing Helper Needed for Short Project... John Courter’s music left here at the church needs to be sorted and filed in the music room. Rev. Kent is looking for someone who might enjoy organizing the pieces he didn’t have time to file, and then if willing, creating a list of what pieces and books he had. If you can help, please contact the church office at your convenience.

More stuff needed!! 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 at 11:00 am on Sept. 11 to hold prayers for renewal of human and ecological communities throughout the mountains including a healthy environment for children, safety for miners, sustainable jobs for mountain residents, healthy forests, clean water, and security from flooding and harm to people and property that result from irresponsible mining practice. All are welcome to join in this prayerful expression linking community and employment with conservation and creation. For more information and directions to the site see the Union Church bulletin board just inside the ramp door or call (606) 663-0823. 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.

If you will be in Berea on 9/11, The Thursday Kaleidoscope group invites everyone to come to Cowan Chapel at 10:00 am for a one-hour All-Faith Prayer for Peace.

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@union-church.org by Thursday noon. Thanks!