

This Week at Union Church

Sun. Sept. 5	10:30 am Morning Worship 11:30 am Info session regarding Capital Campaign, Dialogue Ctr 6:00 pm Pizza & Planning Party for Middle School Youth & Parents
Mon. Sept. 6	Office closed in observance of Labor Day 8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 6:00 pm Community Life & Growth Board meets 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book study, Dialog Center
Tues. Sept. 7	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel
Weds. Sept. 8	Wednesday Nite Live! 5:45 pm Supper, donation 6:30 pm High School Youth Group meets 7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 9	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 10:30 am Mothers Forum 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Choir welcomes new singers, Room 303, you are welcome to join them!
Fri. Sept. 10	8:00 am Zen Meditation, Cowan Chapel 9:00 am Woman's Industrial
Sat. Sept. 11	10:00 - 11:00 am Cowan Chapel, Inter-faith Prayer for Peace and Understanding, prayer guides available
Sun. Sept. 12	10:30 am Morning Worship 11:30 am Info session regarding Capital Campaign, Dialogue Center 12:00 - 3:00 pm Second Sunday Bible Club!

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 **Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia** and our brothers and sisters at **the Bethlehem Baptist 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.
- ◆ **Luther Center**, who had surgery Sept. 3 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
- ◆ **Tom Frazier**, at St. Joseph Lexington, and **Joy**
- ◆ **Shirley Dean**
- ◆ **Jeff Pool** and family, at the death of his father, Roger, in Texas
- ◆ **Tracy Stephens**, Laurinda Poole's sister, who had surgery last week and **Laura Littlejohn**, her mother, who faces surgery next week
- ◆ **Jean Seals**, diagnosed with bladder cancer

Assisting in Worship This Week

Worship Leader this morning is Toby Wilcher. **Next week:** Kevin Burke

Flowers this morning are a gift of John and Marlene Payne

Announcements

Choir Welcomes New 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. 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. Right after worship today!! Potluck at Gina Chamberlain's home, 108 High St., to kick off our year of fellowship and music!

Childrens Church begins next week! Right after the Childrens moment, Children's Church is available for children ages **kindergarten through third grade** in Cowan Chapel. The activities provided acquaint the children with the structure of the regular service in a way that engages them and encourages their participation. Children's Church is staffed by our able volunteer, Florence, and parents who wish to accompany their children are very welcome. Parents may pick up their children either from **Room 101** or **the Nursery** following the service.

Second Sunday Bible Club September 12! 12 - 3p.m. \$1 Lunch, Music, Story telling, small groups for learning, crafts, games & fun! Activities for preschool through high school. Workers are needed, please sign up on the Service Board.

Wednesday Nite Live! and Town Hall Meeting! Sept. 8 We will begin with a meal at 5:45 in the Community Room (donation, no set fee). Activities for all ages AND a Town Hall meeting (sanctuary) with the Design Team & chosen architects Josh Ives and Jeff Pearson; and the Staffing Committee. Your attendance is important!

New Intern Associate Minister, Steve Sherman, joined 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!

Today's Light for Justice is lit for Iqbal Masih, born in Pakistan in 1982. Iqbal was sold into slavery at



a carpet factory at age four, and worked on looms until the age of 10, when he ran away from the factory and was eventually freed by Ehsan Ulla Khan, of the *Bonded Labor Liberation Front*, (BLLF). He started attending the *BLLF's* school. Iqbal refused to go back to the carpet mill where he had worked because he knew his rights as a citizen. Although a child labor law existed in Pakistan, it was not enforced. Soon, speaking out against the mills in Pakistan and throughout the world, he gained international attention. When he was 12 years old, Iqbal was honored by the International Labor Organization in Sweden, received *Reebok's 1994 Human Rights Youth Action Award*. Soon after receiving the award, Iqbal returned to Pakistan, where he was murdered, on April 16, 1995. No one really knows who did it, but there are assumptions that the "Carpet Mafia", was responsible, because many carpet industries were losing business due to Iqbal's speeches and the carpet boycott. We light this flame for all who have sought God's just and lasting peace, inspired this week by Iqbal Masih.

FOOD BANK Sunday!!! Forgot your Food Bank Contribution? In case you forgot that today – the first Sunday of September – is another Union Church Food Bank Sunday, it's not too late!! Please bring your contributions to the church office by noon Wednesday, September 8, 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.". All contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! Current 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). Thank you for your continuing support of this important community program.

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.

Invitation from First Christian Church On Sunday, September 12, **2-4 p.m.**, will hold an open house for those who would like to explore our new facility. You, your church, as the case may be are invited to drop in on Sunday afternoon Sept. 12.

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.

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.

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!