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Join Us Sunday Mornings!

Christian Ed. for all
ages 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am

About Us...

- All who seek and serve the love of God are ministers of Union Church
- Rev. Kent Gilbert, Pastor
- Jean Boyce, Moderator
- Joan English, Church Secretary
- Wyndee Holbrook, Director of Christian Education
- Deborah Payne, Youth Director
- Loretta Mountjoy, Woman's Industrial Director
- Jennifer Shelton and Bea Chasteen, Childcare
- Erik Reinhart, Custodian

New Bible Study to begin Feb. 3!!

“Romans” has been referred to as “The Gospel According to Paul.” It was the last letter Paul wrote to a Christian community, and was surely his best written achievement.

We will commence a Bible Study of Paul’s epistle

to the Romans at Wednesday Nite Live, February 3.

The class will meet in Room 204 at 6:30 pm (plenty of time to

enjoy the Wednesday Nite Live supper at 5:45 pm)!



All are welcome, regardless of one’s knowledge of the Bible (after all, we are here to learn).

Any questions, call and talk to Bob Berger,

986-7507.

Some good news from Haiti

Hi everyone,

First and foremost I want to say thank you for all the support you have given me during the difficult time I just went through.

As some of you may already know, yesterday I called home and was able to get through. I also had confirmation that my mom was ok and did not suffer any injuries. My brother and my in-laws are also doing just fine. What a miracle!! Although the conditions they live in now are extremely harsh, I am grateful for a second chance at life. So many people did not survive that now it seems almost derisory to complain about living conditions.

Life matters most and always will. Thus as long as we are breathing, we Haitians can go through indescribable pain, infinite misery, and emerge stronger, united by this invisible but yet tangible inner strength of ours that has always allowed us to overcome obstacles.

However, I would ask that you keep my family, all the Haitians, as well as all the people affected by the earthquake in your thoughts and prayers. While life has to go on, desperation and hopelessness will certainly strike and when they do, we will need all the help that we can get, may it be donations, aid, moral support or prayers.

So please be mindful of this as you continue with your activities. I don’t think I could ever express my gratitude for my family being alive and well, nor could I ever finish mourning the deaths of so many friends dear to my heart. I do not want to question why this tragedy happened I can only hope that it will not happen again. It takes only seconds for lives to be shattered, and unfortunately every tragedy reminds us that life is precious and needs to be celebrated.

Second chances are not offered all the time and when they are, they need to be used well. I don’t know when my country will recover from this terrible blow, but by the grace of God, it shall rise again.

Many, many thanks.

Christelle

(Christelle Louis is Judy Rowell’s host daughter and a Berea College International Student)

You can put your prayers into action by donating in these ways:

- Write a check to Union Church with “Haitian relief” in the memo line and place in an offering plate. Your contribution will be added to the \$1000

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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays!

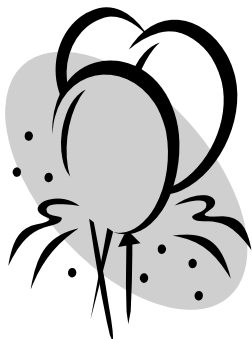
2 Chloe Clark
 4 Sandy Bolster
 4 Judy Drake
 5 Lisa Bosley
 5 Mary Wolford
 6 Joy Frazier
 6 Ralph Thompson
 7 Jean Boyce
 8 Eric Crowden
 10 Karl Holland
 11 Cora Livingston
 12 Ashley Cochrane
 13 Ben Livingston

13 Bill Baker
 13 Sarah Gilliam-Kincaid
 14 Greg Lakes
 15 Bernice Robertson
 19 Harry Piland
 21 Arawn Eibhlyn
 22 Ramona Culp
 22 Joe Sheehan
 23 Steve Boyce
 23 Nancy Shinn
 26 Triss Holland
 28 Rachael White

Anniversaries

3 Sarabeth & Thomas
 Brownrobie
 16 Luther & Yvonda Center
 17 Bob & Joan Bates
 22 William & Sarah
 Broomfield

If we don't know your birthday
 or anniversary, we want to! Or
 if we've made a mistake
 please call or email the
 office..



News of the Family...



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. If you'd like to formally join Union Church, please call the office.

"Union Church welcomes all followers of Christ and works with all who work with Him; respecting each person's conscience; working by love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

On January 17 we welcomed **Tina Walters with Della, Hamrick, and Sunni; Mike and Rhonda Owens; Noreen Karcher; John and Martina Haynes** into the Union Church family.

Thank you, Berea, for the incredible response! Because of your commitment to your community, **Kentucky Blood Center** collected 120 pints of blood, saving or improving the

lives of up to **350** patients! Our blood supply took a hit earlier this month with the brutal winter weather keeping people at home and off the donor beds.

A big thank you also goes to the nineteen "First-time Donors" that rolled up their sleeves. Whether you were a true first-time donor, returned from a lapse in donations, or transferred in from another region, we are certainly honored to have you!

With gratitude, Michele L. Dunn

A conversation with Wyndee Holbrook ... by Leslie Berger

The first impression of Wyndee Holbrook is that of a woman with enthusiasm, energy, commitment and a deep love of the Lord.

Born in the Shively neighborhood of Louisville, she was an only child who determined

early in life that she wanted to become a missionary.

Wyndee followed suggestions that she obtain a degree in social work prior to entering seminary. She earned her degree in that field at Eastern Kentucky University. This was followed by employment as a social worker with the Salvation Army in Lexington.

Wyndee entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982 as she prepared for a career in campus ministry. She received her Masters of Divinity degree in her chosen field in 1985.

It was while in seminary that she met her husband in an old testament class. She says that one ought to "be careful you never know what you will get out of the Bible"! They married in 1984 and have a twenty year old son who attends Eastern Kentucky University studying philosophy.

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From Wyndee Holbrook, CE Director

Where will you serve to grow?

Seeking to be Christ followers begins with a relationship to God through Christ. Next comes the relationship with each other in Christ's body, the Church, providing fellowship and growth through worship, bible study and prayer. The third step is growing through service to each other and the world.

As we begin a new year I'm very aware of lots of energy and possibilities at Union. The big question comes in sorting through the good ideas. Let's seek the best along with those who will make these ideas come to life.

Our children are varied in age and interest and we as a church family are blessed with the responsibility of their spiritual nourishment. From the pastor and program survey I've gleaned ideas that require committed leaders and workers. I need to share with you what the needs are so you can let me know where you are ready to serve.

Parents— please know we need you! (wholbrook@union-church.org or 200-9880)

Children/ Youth Ministry:

- ✧ ONE additional teacher/ shepherd for Elementary Sunday School

- ✧ ONE substitute worker for Elementary Wednesday Night Live (6:30 - 7:00)
- ✧ ONE person to help Deborah Payne with Middle School WNL (5 - 5:45 p.m.)
- ✧ ONE volunteer each week to assist leader Florence Anyabuonwu in Children's Worship (Florence does the planning/leading, the helper shepherds the children)
- ✧ Two music leaders to reignite a young people's choir
- ✧ ONE—TWO to lead in drama (There is intergenerational interest in this area.)



Please note that during worship **Monks - Spiritual Investigators'** material is available for 4th grade and up. Notebooks are located in the pews to the left facing the pulpit.

Children and Youth are welcome to sit together or take the notebooks to sit with their parents. The notebooks have a weekly lesson and worksheets related to the gospel reading for the day.

Another area of help is to be mindful that children and youth need to be shepherded by an adult when they are at church. We have encountered an issue with kids playing and hanging around after their respective programs are complete. In

particular our energetic middle schoolers like to be together after the WNL meal, but their program time is before the meal. This would be a GREAT time for a choir or drama group to meet! We can make materials available, but the key resource is you.



Adult Christian Education/ Spiritual Development Updates:

Alvera Perman's new Sunday School Class (room 204) is a warm and welcome addition and is open to all. They're studying the Bible along with the book, "Reluctant Prophets and Clueless Disciples, Introducing the Bible by telling its Stories."

Small Group Training Experience has had 14 in attendance in the first two weeks. We meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. after WNL dinner in the Dialog Room. New comers are welcome and notes are available to cover what's been missed.

Be ready to join small groups for the Lenten season as an introduction to committed, caring small group ministry.

Grace,
Wyndee



From Deborah Payne, Youth Director

Greetings all,

While the cold winds are blowing outside we're finding warmth enjoying hot cups of fairly traded coffee and hot chocolate on Sunday mornings! Our senior high youth have put on their barista aprons and have learned the fine craft of making a good strong cup of cappuccino. The coffee and chocolate is being sold as a fund raiser for a summer mission trip. So not only can you feel good about supporting the

endeavors of our youth but also feel good about providing a fair wage for coffee and cocoa farmers across the globe.

Our middle schoolers played their part in keeping folks warm by decorating blankets that were donated to folks at the nursing home. The bright mosaic of fabrics should brighten a few lonely faces. It is important to remember others when we take count of our own blessings.

On a final fundraiser note, the highschoolers have worked dili-

gently on the construction of a fine granite top checkerboard table. The table will be auctioned off at the February 14th monthly potluck. You can take a good look at it on Sunday mornings as it is the table where our youth are making you a fine cup of coffee. Come bid high and bid often to help send our youth on their way.

As always, thank you for your support. This growing program is God's blessing.

In Peace, Deborah

Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees met January 12th. Steve Boyce presented information and proposals to make Union Church more energy efficient. Greater efficiency would benefit the environment and be financially positive for the church. An example is the heat pump in Cowan Chapel which is "running on borrowed time" and requires replacement. There are more energy efficient models on the market now and we would benefit from the use of one for our replacement.

Our personnel committee, Joyce Mosher and Gail Wolford noted that letters of employment had been sent to each of the full and part time employees of

the church. They also suggested a personnel manual with updates of several policies and job descriptions.

Bill Stolte is awaiting an engineer's report on the structural needs of our building. Hopefully that will arrive in the next week. He also reported that he and his wonderful group of volunteers will be painting the north entrance stairwell and at completion Erik Reinhart will refinish the steps and flooring.

The trustees will meet again on February 9th.

Our many thanks to Bill Stolte and his hardy volunteers, as well as Erik Reinhart, for the appearance of our church and grounds. Many positive comments were heard at the service for Dr. Kerby, from attendees who are not Union Church members. Good work!

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the Mission Board has allocated to Church World Service.

Mail your donation marked "Haiti Relief" to Church World Service, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 700, New York, NY or to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC, 20013.

Log onto www.churchworldservice.org, www.worldvision.org, or www.redcross.org and

donate online. Online donation saves money because it is faster and less expensive than processing paper checks.

Text the word "Haiti" to 90999 to donate \$10 to the Red Cross or give \$5 to the United Way by texting "Haiti" to 864833.

The money raised at the Jan. 24 fund raising lunch totaled, \$1,451.64, which will be donated to Partners in Health.

Deacons' Report

During the last days of December, the Deacons prepared Fellowship Hall for Christmas Eve Service where we served more than 250 persons; Many thanks to church members who brought food.

The Deacons also held a reception for the Crandall family following her memorial service; and a reception for the Kerby family following Dr. Kerby's burial.

Joan English is sending each Sunday's bulletin announcements out to all members who have a computer. If these announcements are of help to readers, please indicate that to Joan.

In our monthly meeting (Jan. 12) nine members and Reverend Kent discussed the difficulties volunteers were having taping, editing and burning a CD ready for broadcast. We questioned who our audience was and was the 5-7 hour prep time the best use of volunteer's time? We

purchased camcorder tapes to be used for the Sunday Service.

Nancy Shinn provided a printed brochure from a Maryland church that seemed to the Board a good design prototype for our own Union Church brochure deliberations.

We learned that Church Funding for 2009 had exceeded expectations; the Church would not start 2010 in the red!

Reverend Kent spoke about persons who needed our continued care/prayer concerns; that he would be using the week leading up to January 31 for continuing education and that a preacher would need to be found for that last Sunday in January; and that he would like to purchase a textile steamer (Deacons voted to spend the funds).

Our next Church pot luck will be on Sunday evening the 14th, Valentine's Day.

Bob Boyce, Acting Chair

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Her husband is a pastoral counselor.

For twenty-one years Wyndee worked for the Baptist Convention. Eleven years were spent at Cumberland College followed by ten years ministering at the Baptist student union of Berea College.

Facing the conflict of family needs; her mother now lives with her, and job requirements of travel, Wyndee found the job of Director of Christian Education at Union Church very appealing. She accepted the position and

it has been a God -send to both our church and Wyndee.

The Ecumenical Dynamic Growth Experience, or Edge, of which Wyndee has been a member since 2005, has given her the opportunity to take students, as part of the Baptist Campus ministry, to Costa Rica. The Edge is currently working on water purification in countries of need. They are also now working with the Salvation Army in Haiti.

Wyndee finds Union Church a loving community. She has found

support among the congregation as she faces the changing traditions of her Baptist faith. She states that her "work at Union Church is a gift from God". Her next phase of endeavor is to look at the needs of the younger adults of our congregation and determine how they can be met. Wyndee's faith, enthusiasm and energy will truly be a successful combination.

Bible Reading for February

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Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

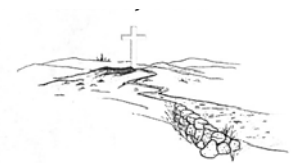
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Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2



February 21, 2010

Luke 4:1-13

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

February 28, 2010

Luke 13:31-35

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

Serving as Worship Leaders in February

Feb. 7 Sara Katherine Manning-Beavin

Feb. 14 Edith Hansen

Feb. 21 Bob Berger

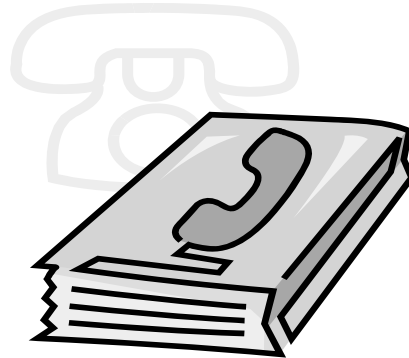
Feb. 28 Dorothy Chao

New year, new directory in the works- a **DRAFT** for proofing will be available in early Feb.

The plan is that we will reuse the photos from the last directory **BUT** if you want to change your photo, you can email it (maybe your Facebook photo?) or bring it to the office.

If you haven't had a photo taken for a directory yet, please submit one. If you don't have one, stop in the office and I'll take one with my phone.

Any corrections to your contact info would be appreciated as well. — JE



Churchwide Potluck Supper

Feb. 14, 6:00 pm,


Community Room



Union Church's Annual Meeting will be
Sunday, March 14,
following worship and lunch.

If you are an Officer or Board Chair, please submit your Annual Reports to the office by Monday, March 1. Thanks.

February, 2010, at Union Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00 pm—PRC 7:00 pm—AA Big Book Study, Dialog Center	2 7:00 pm—Mission 7:00 pm—Memory Keepers 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts	3 Regular Wednesday Nite Live! Schedule 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group 5:45 pm Supper (donation) 6:15 pm Senior High Youth Group 6:30 pm Bible Study on Romans, Rm. 204, see p. 1 Activities for Elementary aged kids, 104 College Fellowship, Comm. Rm. 7:00 pm Bell Choir, 3rd Floor Choir Room	4 10:30 am—Mothers Forum, 204 12:00 pm—Bible Study 6:15 pm—Choir	5 9:00 am—Woman's Industrial	6
7	8 6:30 pm—Finance 7:00 pm—AA Big Book Study	9 6:00 pm—CE Board 6:30 pm—Trustees 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts 7:30 pm—Deacons		11 10:30 am—Mothers Forum, 204 12:00 pm—Bible Study 6:15 pm—Choir	12 9:00 am—Woman's Industrial	13
14  6:00 pm—Potluck Supper	15 Presidents Day, office closed 7:00 pm—Gen. Com. 7:00 pm—AA Big Book Study, Dialog Center	16 Consider deadline 7:00 pm—Memory Keepers 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts		18 10:30 am—Mothers Forum, 204 12:00 pm—Bible Study 6:15 pm—Choir	19 9:00 am—Woman's Industrial	20
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