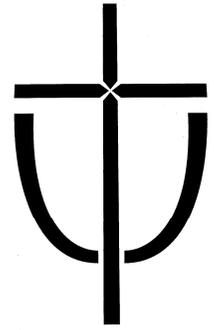




Still Speaking



Indeed, the word of God is living and active...
-Hebrews 4:12

August 2019

The Inside Scoop

Newsletter Deadline

*Our next newsletter will be published
the week of **Sept. 18, 2018.***

*The deadline for that newsletter is
Friday, **Sept. 13, 2018.***

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Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People: Guns, Grief, and God

On the Sunday after the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, it was hard not to be shell-shocked. For many of us, the El Paso slaughter established a trend that raised the specter of the actions of brown shirts in Germany prior to the rise of Nazism. Such a targeted, racial mass-killing, stoked by rhetoric and policies from the highest offices in the nation, was frightening.

And that's why, for the next few weeks, the Worship Ministry has decided to create space during the "Prayers of the People" for the congregation to express our collective fears and grief and to raise them to the Lord Almighty. And then, at the conclusion of worship, we will sing together "Let There Be Peace on Earth." We will also reconvene our "Sacred Conversation on Gun Violence," in an effort to put flesh on our prayers.

We do this because to get stuck in grief and fear is to give in to the terrorists. Our God calls us to hope—no matter what. And that means that we carry on with the urgent, everyday matters of loving God and neighbor, growing a healthy and hopeful community, and worshiping together in music, prayer, preaching, and at the Communion table in ways that strengthen us for whatever struggles are ahead.

Isaiah 40:1 is the key verse, here: "Comfort, comfort my people, says our God." That is, the good news in Jesus Christ is that we can truly be free from any fear. God has endured the worst, and promises us abundant, even eternal, life: "O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

Christ's victory over death has empowered many saints to extraordinary acts of courage in the history of Christianity. Christ's victory over death can also empower us to act courageously in the face of the crisis of white nationalism that is the current scourge in our land.

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Lectionary Readings

August 18

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
 or Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 25

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 and Psalm 71:1-6 or
 Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

September 1

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1,
 10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18
 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
 Philemon 1:1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 15

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and
 Psalm 14 or
 Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 22

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 and Psalm 79:1-9 or
 Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

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And that means not only comforting troubled minds terrified by trauma, it also means confronting the root causes of the violence.

Sadly, many Americans have not yet reckoned with the deep historical trauma associated with race in America. Slavery and racism have rightly been called America’s “original sin.” White supremacy and “Christian” nationalism have been with us since America’s founding. There is no room for innocence on these matters.

There *is* room for progress—for real healing and reparations for the injustices that existed in America’s history. Until those historical traumas are recognized and healed, the present manifestations of racist hatred and violence will continue.

Furthermore, while it is about racism and white supremacy and nationalism, it is also about guns. The evidence is overwhelming: no other advanced country has to deal with these traumas of mass violence on such a regular basis, because no other country makes weapons of mass destruction so readily available to civilians.

As Christians, then, we are called to denounce white supremacy as a rejection of the freedom of Jesus Christ where there is no Jew or Gentile, black or white, Latinx or European. We are all ONE in Christ.

And as Christians, we are called to denounce the perversion of the gospel that is “Christian” nationalism, where the Prince of Peace is turned into a violent and militarized “patriot,” and the God of love is twisted into a demon of hatred.

Here at Union Congregational United Church of Christ, it will be up to us to determine how best to act. But we must act. Our collective action, beyond “thoughts and prayers,” will be the best way to display the courage that comes from faith in the God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life.

In Joyful Hope,
 Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels and Dr. Jon Pahl

Attendance

June	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
1st Sunday	111	120
2nd Sunday	102	101
3rd Sunday	75	108
4th Sunday	90	108
5th Sunday	130	--
Totals	508	437
Average	101.6	109.3

July	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
1st Sunday	82	155
2nd Sunday	92	120
3rd Sunday	89	108
4th Sunday	93	85
5th Sunday	--	109
Totals	356	577
Average	89.0	115.4

Union Church Faith Formation 2019-20

Faith Formation kicks off with an open house on September 8. Children, parents and teachers will get to know one another in the Chapel Classroom. This year we will have three classrooms: initially, Mayflower 1 and Mayflower 2 and the Choir Room.

Curriculum for ages 4 through 2nd grade will be “Shine,” a dynamic Sunday school curriculum that engages Christian communities and families in their life together through Bible Stories, spiritual practices, peacemaking, service, and more. The 3rd-6th grade group will use a curriculum that teaches the Life of Jesus in fun and focused learning.

→ **Faith Formation Open House is Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.** ←

Youth Group Orientation is Wednesday, September 11 at 5:45 p.m.

Our Wednesday night programs begin on September 11 with dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by youth groups—Pilgrim Fellowship (grades 4-7) and Young Christians in Action (grades 8-12). Youth will engage in “purposeful play,” mission projects, learning, and relationship building.

We have a tremendous slate of teachers, leaders, aides, cooks, and bottle washers lined, but we need more. As with everything at church, our child/youth formation ministries don’t work without the ongoing efforts of our members and friends. **All parents of participating children and youth are asked to attend an open house – September 8 at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and September 11 at 5:45 p.m. for Youth Groups. At these, we will share what you can expect for the year and what is expected of participating families. It is very important that all parents find a niche to help with these programs. The programs simply cannot exist without you.**

Registration materials will be mailed home, can be accessed via the link in the August 24 all-church email, or by contacting the church office.

Wednesday Youth Programs

Youth programming starts with youth group orientation on September 11. A typical Wednesday evening will be:

5:45 p.m. **Dinner**

6:15 p.m. **Youth Groups — PF** (grades 4-7)
YCA (grades 8-12)

ReUnion Sunday is Sunday, September 8

8:45 a.m. Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Open House

The open house takes place in the Chapel Classroom

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Potluck (in Pilgrim Hall following Worship)

1:00 p.m. Gottman Marriage Graduates 6-month Follow-up Class

Calling All Faith Formation Leaders!

Interested in teaching Faith Formation, being an aide, or working with youth? Opportunities exist with grades K4-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th and up on Sunday mornings (9 to 9:45), and with youth (grades 4-12) on Wednesday evenings (5:45 to 7:30). We're offering two curricular options this year: **Shine: Living in God's Light** (Mennonite/UCC) for early primary kids and middle schoolers and **Dig In! The Life of Jesus** (Group Publishing) for middle primary grades.

On Wednesdays, Tim Harder will again lead the YCA team and Jon Pahl will lead the PF team. There are openings for leaders and aides for both groups. You don't need to be there EVERY week.

Contact Education Ministry chair, **Nancy Gibson, at njgib@aol.com** to learn more. There is yet one opportunity for our Faith Formation team members to get oriented and to be certified in our mandatory 'Safe Church' (anti-abuse) protocols. It will be held: **Sunday, August 18** at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Classroom.

ALL teachers and aides must participate in "Safe Church" training every year! We want to be a Safe Church for everyone. Thanks for considering this way of giving back to the church, and growing the faith of another as well as your own.

Love Life Diaper Collection

It's almost time for one of Union's favorite outreach events: The disposable diaper collection for Love Life. Donated diapers will be distributed to low income families with children under the age of 3. Families qualify through the WIC program and may also receive formula, gently used clothing and baby furniture, and books. Our collection of diapers and wipes will take place in September so start watching for coupons and sales. If you have questions or would like to volunteer with Love Life, contact Jean Smithback 920-983-8579.

—Jean Smithback

Priscilla Circle Meets September 24

Members of Priscilla Circle will gather at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 in the English Room. The program will be announced at a later date.

Bell Choir

Are you interested in joining Union's Bell Choir? If so, email Linda Cook at linda.cook@snc.edu. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. beginning on September 3.

Donations Needed

for Union Church's 2nd Annual Silent Auction on September 21, 2019

Save the date of Saturday, September 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., for the second annual silent auction fundraiser for Union Church! We are seeking donations of themed baskets; some clean and gently used vintage and antique items; quality art and gift items, and gift certificates from you or businesses that you utilize. Great ideas for themed baskets include holiday, date night, children's, readers or media, food, pets, and garden, or your special creation! For those of you who are seeking donations from businesses, we have enclosed a donation request letter to share when requesting donations from businesses. Questions about your donation idea can be answered by Ben VerGiesen (bengiese77@gmail.com) or by Stacie Christian (canoechix@hotmail.com). Thank you!

Get Ready for Sunday, August 18!

Worship at 10 a.m. is only the beginning of a faith-filled day!

Lunch and Learn at 11:45 a.m.

Bagby Chapel

Dr. Mark I. Wallace

Lunch will be available for a \$5/per person donation.

Please RSVP to office@unionucc.com

For more information, contact Dr. Jon Pahl, 610-909-7107.

MARK I. WALLACE is Professor of Religion, Environmental Studies, and Interpretation Theory at Swarthmore College. In addition to *When God was a Bird*, Mark has published *Green Christianity: Five Ways to a Sustainable Future* (Fortress Press 2010) and *Finding God in the Singing River: Christianity, Spirit, Nature* (Fortress Press 2005). Mark has also taught at Princeton Theological Seminary and The University of Pennsylvania. Mark is an avid birder.

The Flowers of Jazz at 5:30 p.m.

Union's Rose Garden

We will celebrate summer with "The Flowers of Jazz," in a contemplative, joyful jazz evensong worship service in Union's courtyard rose garden (on the east side).

During prayers, you'll be invited to bring up flowers (individual or arranged) to add to a growing, "improvised" arrangement of beauties from our gardens (or local flower shop!)

From "The Single Petal of a Rose" to "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" to "Days of Wine and Roses," to "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "In the Garden," we'll listen to and sing songs of summer and its glorious flowers.

Children will be invited to join in on percussion on several songs. We're also delighted that Mary Hemminger will join us on hammered dulcimer. A treat!

Bring a lawn chair if you can and a flower or flowers. We'll provide lemonade and light snacks. (Rain location in sanctuary).

Please plan to attend our

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 25 immediately following worship.

**We'll get an update on the church's finances
and hear from Outreach and Worship Ministries.**

Church Library Fiction is a Doorway

About a year ago, a small group of readers—Jean Smithback, Julie Tetzlaff, Christie Reese, Judy Larmouth, Laurie Beauchamp and Cathy Putman—began to meet regularly to evaluate the fiction section of the church library. Some books got booted, most got read and reviewed, and we talked about what makes a good church library fiction collection.

Number 1. The book needs to be a good read! Since many page turners are also best sellers or genre fiction, we had to understand whether the lighter side of fiction had a role to play in the library collection. So, a second characteristic of a good book for us was that the story and characters stick with you.

Number 2. The book is memorable. For us, the beach read didn't make the cut, but genre fiction—mysteries, fantasy, science fiction—did resonate. We now have space for two genre fiction shelves, one for mysteries and one for science fiction and fantasy.

The mystery shelf will give us some space for popular series such as Maisie Dobbs (Winspear) and Inspector Gamache (Penny). If you have a recently published favorite you'd like to recommend or donate, please do so!

The science fiction/fantasy category has younger fans as well as adult, so a few of our young adult chapter books—Harry Potter, Philip Pullman and J. R. R. Tolkien—will move to that shelf. We have some newer acquisitions which you should take a look at, but welcome recommendations that are absorbing and memorable. This category lends itself particularly to our understanding of how technology and climate may figure in our future.

Some of the Fictionista discussion revolved around the role of fiction by authors who reside in cultures or subcultures different than ours. We had added a few multicultural novels including "The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears" by Ethiopian immigrant Dinaw Mengestu and "Homegoing" by African American writer Yaa Gyasi.

Contemporary thinking about multicultural reading is that fiction can be a window into a new world, a mirror for those who are not members of the dominant culture, and a map moving between cultures. And of course, this reading is about empathy. At root that is the main role of fiction for us as Christians: to grow our empathy and generous spirit towards others.

The Fictionistas recommend the following good reads.

- "**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**" (Honeyman) [Wacky and charming.]
- "**Mudbound**" (Jordan) [Love and rage cohabit.]
- "**The History of Love**" (Krauss) [Life affirming.]
- "**The Beautiful Mystery**" (Penny) [Engrossing.]
- "**Wingshooters**" (Revoyr) [Poignant study of racism and empathy.]
- "**Sarah's Key**" (Rosnay) [World War 2 secrets in France.]
- "**A Thread of Grace**" (Russell) [World War 2 in Italy.]
- "**Martyr's Crossing**" (Wilentz) [Illuminating novel of the Middle East.]

One last note. "The First Winter," the Somali United ReSisters painful and amazing stories of their lives in Green Bay is now in the church library.



The Seven Principles For Making Marriage Work

Save the Dates — November 2, 9, 16, 23

This educational workshop is designed to help couples improve their friendship, enhance romance and intimacy, and manage conflict constructively. It is based on the internationally acclaimed research of Dr. John Gottman as presented in his New York Times bestselling book—"The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work."

The workshop was offered at Union last February and was such a success that it will be offered again this November, on **Saturday afternoons November 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** If you are interested, mark your calendar; further details and registration forms will be forthcoming. And please alert any non-Union friends that you think might be interested; this time we'll be advertising to the greater community.

Questions? Contact Gottman leader Julie Harder at jblackharder@gmail.com or 465-0752.

Book Worm Yoga! September Wednesday Adult Education Class

We're delighted to announce that on Wednesday evenings beginning September 11, and running for four weeks (through October 2), our neighbor (and sometime attender) Donna Leicht will be offering a course for all adult learners on a book by Deborah Adele, "The Yamas and Niyamas: Exploring Yoga's Ethical Practice."

Donna is a professional librarian who has developed an interest in yoga, and is trained as an instructor. A long-time UCC member (recently at Ebenezer UCC, Chilton), Donna has also come to appreciate the links between yoga and ethics.

Deborah Adele's book, which participants should purchase, explores the 10 central ethical practices at the heart of yoga, such as: Ahimsa (nonviolence), satya (truthfulness), brahmacharya (non-excess), and tapas (self-discipline), along with six others. Each week will take up one topic (chapter), and each week will conclude with a brief "restorative yoga" session. No advance preparation or experience with yoga is required to participate.

The class runs from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Coming from work? Take advantage of a meal and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall at 5:45 p.m. — free will offering appreciated, but not necessary. Class meets in the Chapel Classroom.

We hope to have Donna back in March, too—to finish up the book!

To sign up, please add your name (and email) to the sign-up at Union Central in Pilgrim Hall, and purchase the book from your favorite bookseller. We're very pleased that Donna can be a part of our "Green Gospel" theme for the year with a bit of wisdom about how to live well from the ancient Hindu tradition, focused on how to care for our bodies (and souls), and how to care for our neighbors (including the Earth). Please join us!

Sacred Conversations on Gun Violence Have Resumed

John Dorhauer, the President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, urges our churches to passionate prayer and action in light of the recent mass shootings.

To that end, Union has reconvened its "Sacred Conversation on Gun Violence." The first took place on Tuesday, August 13 in Pilgrim Hall. All are welcome to attend these gatherings.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Sacred Conversation on Gun Violence, this was a group of Union folks who gathered once or twice a month from 2015-2017 to learn about gun violence and pray about how to address it. It was modeled on the UCC's Sacred Conversations on Race from 2008, in which participants agree to be deeply respectful of one another's perspectives while seeking a new and Godly path.

Please RSVP to the church office, or let us know that you're interested in being a part of further conversations. We look forward to your participation.

Union's Immigration Advocacy Team is Moving Forward

- Following up on the contacts made at Union's Advocacy Day Teach-in, the Immigration Team is developing stronger relationships with local groups. This fall, Union will support a Community Friendship meal sponsored by Casa Alba Melanie. (<https://www.casaalba.org/about-us.html>)
- Migration Advocacy of Brown County encourages immigration advocates to take this action: Write or call your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator (contacts below) in a monthly "Monday Call to Action"— (any Monday of the month; you may wish to program a reminder into your phone/calendar).

Ask them:

1. to visit the Concentration Camps and let you know what the conditions are like there.
 2. for an update on how the \$4.6 billion for the Concentration Camps is being spent.
 3. what their office is doing to reunite these families?
- The Immigration Team is exploring a possible mission trip to Arizona this winter, partnering with a UCC church that is doing grassroots work on the border.
 - Heather Collins and Ed Tucker are now volunteering as a citizenship class teacher.
 - As an action following the UCC General Synod meeting in Milwaukee, Immigration Team member and UCC General Synod attendee Lou Norsetter participated in a protest at the Milwaukee Office of Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE). Following the march of several hundred protesters, UCC leaders spoke to the crowd. Police cordoned off the streets from local traffic at the office.
 - In support of our Muslim neighbors and to learn about Islam, eight members of Union Church attended the "Fox Valley Islamic Society Interfaith Tent Gathering: Moving From Fear toward Mutual Trust" on August 4. Speakers included Dr. Jon Pahl, along with Rev. Dr. Thomas Willadsen (a Presbyterian Pastor) and Dr. Younis Zaidan of the Islamic Center of Wisconsin.

**REP MIKE GALLAGHER 202-225-5665 gallagher.house.gov

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**SENATOR TAMMY BALDWIN 202-224-5653 www.baldwin.senate.gov

Interested in joining the Immigration Team?

Contact Lou Norsetter (LNorsett0629@gmail.com) or Barbara McClure-Lukens (mcclureb@uwgb.edu).

Back From the Border: A Psychologist's Observations

5:30 p.m., Monday, August 26 in Pilgrim Hall

Dr. Leslie Davis, a Psychologist at the Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic in Milwaukee, has been invited to Green Bay by Casa Alba to share her experiences, observations and insights after a recent trip to the U.S./Mexico border. Dr. Davis brings both direct personal experience as well as the additional professional insights into some of the concerns that many people have. Since there are so many rumored accounts—often depending on the political bias of the persons speaking—the Union Immigration Advocacy team is co-sponsoring this event, as we believe it will be good to hear directly from someone who actually spends time at the border.

The goal is to invite as many caring people as possible to come hear actual observations of a professional. Now, more than ever because of the massacre in El Paso, we need to be better informed and motivated to act.



Registration Form

2019 All-Church Retreat at Moon Beach Camp

Friday, September 13 - Sunday, September 15, 2019

Facilitator—Rev. Jim Hicks; Theme “Finding Joy Together in Chaotic Times”

Family Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Participants:	Adult(s)	Child(ren)/Ages
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are there any physical disabilities that we should know about?

Any dietary concerns? _____

Costs: Adults	\$140 x _____	=	_____
Children under 18	\$25 x _____	=	_____
	Total Cost	=	_____

All pricing includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals.

Please make check payable to Union Church and note Moon Beach Retreat on the memo line. You may choose to make a deposit of half the total cost at the time of registration with the remainder to be paid upon arrival at Moon Beach Camp. Return this form and your check to the church office or via mail by Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019 to:

Union Church, 716 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301

We’re so glad you decided to join us for a special time of getting to know one another better, building relationships in the body of Christ, learning more about how God continues to speak to us, enjoying the beautiful outdoors, and just plain having FUN!



All-Church Retreat
September 13, 14 and 15

Our All-Church Retreat is a weekend of fun, fellowship and reflection. It is a great place to worship, discuss and enjoy camaraderie, with friends of all ages.

Moon Beach Camp is in St. Germain just west of Eagle River and is part of the Outdoor Ministry program of the United Church of Christ. It sits on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Cabins overlook Moon Lake and each is furnished, heated and has a bathroom with a shower. There is a beautiful lodge, and the camp is fully staffed with helpful people. The camp offers the peaceful quiet of northern Wisconsin amongst the native pine, oak and birch trees.

Friday evening, there will be snacks and fellowship time around the lodge fireplace. We are treated to three meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Saturday, adults are invited for interactive learning with our facilitator, the Rev. Jim Hicks, who will address our theme “Finding Joy Together in Chaotic Times.”

The afternoon and evening are up to you. There will be activities, planned and impromptu. There is a beach with a variety of watercraft, hiking trails and places to sit, read and reflect. Evening is game time with ice cream sundaes and a bonfire.

Sunday we pack up, enjoy brunch, and worship informally. We are usually on our way by 11 o’clock.

Cost for the retreat is \$140 per adult and \$25 per child. Financial aid is available (talk to Pastor Bridget). Sign up sheets and registration forms are available at Union Central.

Visitation Ministry

Beginning in October, we will pilot a peer visitation program at Union. The program will pair volunteers with someone in the congregation who needs a "sympathetic ear." The member may be physically unable to come to church or may be experiencing some form of transition or loss, perhaps unemployment, death, divorce, or downsizing.

Regardless of the member's personal situation, they could use another's "presence." Our visitor's presence also means the church's presence. The primary skill of a good visitor? Listening!

Typically, our pastors will recognize a need for connection in a church member, ask if they would be interested in having a visitor, and then will assign one of our trained visitors to make the connection. Visitations will commonly begin with chats about the member: "Tell me about yourself, your family, perhaps how you've been involved in church." In time (several visits), the relationship may, hopefully, grow deeper.

Church visitors are not social workers. We do not provide transportation, run errands, clean houses or bestow gifts. We may suggest available services if the member does not already know of or use them.

This ministry starts from the basic theological premise that we believe that we are never alone; God is always near. The visitation ministry puts flesh on that belief. To that end, visitors will offer to pray with the member. In time, Worship Ministry is working on a process by which some visitors may offer Communion as part of their visit.

Generally, we anticipate monthly visits unless the member requests otherwise, and there will be ongoing, monthly training and support gatherings as well.

This ministry will start with a training on Thursday, October 3 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Classroom. If you would like to be considered for this ministry or even to just ask a question, call Pastor Bridget (437-9266) or Lou Norsetter (217-1911).

Our Church Family

We join our hearts and minds in prayer:

"If These Homes Could Talk"

Astor Neighborhood Walking Tour

Union Church will again be the first stop on the Brown County Historical Society's walking tour which begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21. For more information, visit www.browncohistoricalsoc.org.

Union Church Calendar

August 18, 2019—September 25, 2019

August 18 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Safe Church Training
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 11:45 a.m. Lunch and Learn
 5:30 p.m. The Flowers of Jazz

August 21 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

August 24 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

August 25 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Quarterly
 Congregational Meeting

August 26 Monday

5:30 p.m. Back from the Border

August 28 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Weeders

August 31 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Saturday Snippers

September 1 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

September 2 Monday

Labor Day—Church Office is Closed

September 3 Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Education Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

September 4 Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

September 8 Sunday

ReUnion Sunday

8:45 a.m. Nursery Opens
 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 Open House
 10:00 a.m. Worship with
 Communion followed by
 a Potluck in Pilgrim Hall
 1:00 p.m. Gottman Marriage Grads
 Follow-up Class

September 10 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

September 11 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
 5:45 p.m. Youth Group Orientation
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA
 6:15 p.m. Book Worm Yoga

September 12 Thursday

5:00 p.m. New Member/Inreach
 Ministries
 6:00 p.m. Common Ministry

September 13-15 Friday-Sunday

All-Church Retreat
 at Moon Beach

September 15 Sunday

9:00 a.m. NO Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

September 17 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

September 18 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA
 6:15 p.m. Book Worm Yoga

September 21 Saturday

10:00 a.m. "If These Homes Could
 Talk" Walking Tour
 6:00 p.m. Union Church's 2nd
 Annual Silent Auction

September 22 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

September 24 Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

September 25 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
 6:15 p.m. PF & YCA
 6:15 p.m. Book Worm Yoga

Confirmation News

All high school students and their parents are encouraged to attend YCA on Wednesday, September 11 for a teen/parent orientation session. This year, Confirmation will run on some Sunday mornings as part of our older youth Faith Formation program at 9:00 a.m. and some Wednesdays as part of our YCA program. Families are encouraged to RSVP to Pastor Bridget.



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Are You Interested in Learning More About Union Church?



On Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 17, our New Member Ministry will host Inquirers Classes for those who are interested in knowing more about Union Church and membership. On October 9, we will meet in the English Room of the church at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. On October 17, we will meet in the English Room at 5:30 p.m., will share dinner with the Union Church youth groups, and will return to the English Room for the balance of our time together.

These classes are a way to introduce those interested in Union Church to who we are and what we believe – as Christians, as the United Church of Christ, and as a part of Union Church. If you need child care, please call the church office (437-9266). We will conclude by 8:30 p.m. on the 9th and by 7:30 p.m. on the 17th. On Sunday, October 27, we will receive those who choose to covenant with our congregation into membership.

For further information or to sign up, please call the church office.

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