



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church July - August 2017

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.



July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

1 – Gary Cook
6 – Barry Jamison
6 – Sue Chaney
9 – Margaret Hasler
12 – Sharon Espich
29 – Cindy McAfee
30 – MaryEtta Blessing
30 – Betty Cary

August

1 – Kolson Herstad
2 – Amy Horne
4 – Paula McAfee
10 – Aiden Ford
12 – Ernie & Tina Barclay
15 – Sandra Imel
25 – Jeanette Gilbert
30 – Mindy Drayer



Happy 4th of July!

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, July 9 – Pastor Karen Ottjes first Sunday
Communion Sunday
- Sunday, July 16 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, July 30 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
Church Council meeting-after church service
- Sunday, August 6 – Communion Sunday
- Tuesday, August 15- EMM Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 20 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, August 27 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change

****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.
- * Cut out your "Box Tops for Education".
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

I love summer! It's the time when most students are taking a break from their studies and many families go on vacation trips or weekend getaways. It's time for a change of pace, a change of routine, and a time to slow down a little.

Many people do yard work and gardening in the summer. While doing necessary outdoor activities, they're getting fresh air, sunshine and exercise. Working or spending time outdoors can also be a time of worship and connecting with God. I see God in the beauty and variety of the world around us. I am refreshed by breathing deeply of the air outside. Time alone outdoors walking around or sitting in a comfortable chair can be a good time to reflect on your life over the past months. It's also time to reflect on your life in relationship to God and to listen for him to speak into your heart and mind about the future. Sometimes it may lead you to fresh ideas about how you may want to do things differently in the future.

Change is the one thing in the world of which you can be certain. Sometimes we can tolerate and adjust to changes in our society and its ways of behaving. But it's harder to accept the changes that God wants to make in me personally because I'm comfortable with my current ways. I don't want to admit that I need to change my ways. Besides changing my ways is hard work.

Summer is also a time when there is more daylight each day and people spend more time outside than in other seasons. Summer is a good time to go out and meet the people on your block or in your neighborhood, especially those that you don't already know. Spend time introducing yourself and asking about their family. Another time you may ask them about favorite activities or hobbies and share yours. You could invite them to your house or porch to visit over lemonade or iced tea and cookies. Show genuine interest in them as you build a relationship and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in talking about your faith and what it means to you.

Meditate on the words of this song during your time with God this week.

1. *It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.*
3. *I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

– Kurt Kaiser, "Pass It On," © 1969 Communique Music, #572 UM Hymnal

Shalom!*
Pastor Karen <><

*Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning peace, health, prosperity, welfare, favor, wholeness.

Committee News

SPR: STAFF /PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee, on behalf of the congregation of UUMC, would like to welcome Pastor Karen Ottjes and her husband, Jim. We thank them for coming to serve our church and encourage all to support each other in this time of transition.

TRUSTEES

Trustees have been working with a bee keeper to eradicate the bees that have taken up residence in the church east wall. Some have been relocated and we are working on a plan for the rest. Thanks to all that helped on clean-up day April 29. We accomplished a lot that day! Many thanks to Connie, Steve and Bill Hix for repairing and painting the storage room. Additional thanks to Connie for sacrificing her time and “shoulder” painting the Study which now houses the copy machine. Thanks to Bill for mowing in June, Steve for July and Roger for August. Thanks to Jeff for trimming church bushes. So good to see everyone pitching in for the good of the church!

EMM COMMITTEE

The EMM (Education/Missions/Ministries) Committee has decided to take a break from Jr. Church for the remainder of the summer. We will be making decisions about Jr. Church and Children’s Sunday School at our August meeting. UUMC participated in the Bishop’s Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health in May.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle met on May 6, at the new Crimson House in Ossian. What a delightful time of delicious food, fun, and fellowship in the Lord! Thanks to those who donated sale items and time to our successful Garage Sale in early June.
Reminder: We still have UUMC Centennial Cookbooks for sale! They are \$6 each.

Please remember

Mary Etta Blessing
3890 W. Oak Rd.
Bluffton, IN 46714

Lura Burke
Ossian Health & Rehabilitation
215 Davis Rd.
Ossian, IN 46777

Betty Cary
300 Caylor Blvd. Apt.#200
Bluffton, IN 46714

Barb Cook
100 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #100
Bluffton, IN 46714

Mary Cook-Room 109
Gary Cook-Room 106
Markle Health & Rehabilitation
170 N. Tracy Street
Markle, IN 46770

Jeanette Gilbert
100 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #115
Bluffton, IN 46714

Margaret Hasler
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June 2017 Budget Summary	June	June	June	Year to date	Year to date	Year to date
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,822.85	4,209.92	(387.07)	28,354.95	25,259.52	3,095.43
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,266.39	4,209.92	(56.47)	24,778.47	25,259.52	481.05
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(443.54)	0.00		3,576.48	0.00	

Raising Expectations

*“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,
set your hearts on things above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on things above,
not on earthly things.”*
(Colossians 3, 1&2; NIV)

We have talked a bit about how the head and heart lead our bodies. How often our thoughts may be negative and they can lead us into depression. Let's face it, when we read or listen to the news, they talk mostly about negative events. However, most of what goes on in the world is positive. We need to focus on that!

Remember the words to the old song. “When you're down and out, lift up your head and shout, It's going to be a great day.” We are often confronted with the local curmudgeon, the person who finds fault with everything. Let's face it, they are right, it is always too hot or too cold! Too rainy or their lawn needs watering! Things are too expensive! Coffee is too weak or strong! Pray for them, they need us.

We will have negative influences in our lives. As we move through our daily lives, we are blessed with the tools to deal with the negative side. I read this on a sign in front of a local church recently, “**The Lord does not guarantee us smooth passage, just a safe landing.**” It is up to use our Christian tools to stay positive and be happy.

Thought for Today: Today we will have to deal with negative issues. Let us turn them into a positive experience by dealing with them promptly. When we encounter some that seem to linger and not go away, let us remember to turn those over to God through prayer.

Prayer for Today: Today is the day you have made for us. Unfortunately the roads have bumps and there are unknown troubles out there awaiting us. Today we pray that your presence will guide us through the tough moments and that we may accomplish our goals in your name.

Amen

Reprinted from God is my Spinach Blog

Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health set to impact nearly 40,000 lives

On April 3, Bishop Julius C. Trimble called for the Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health to be received at the 2017 Annual Conference session. United Methodists in Indiana took time Friday, June 9, at the 2017 Indiana Annual Conference session, to celebrate this miraculous expression of God's love in action as nearly \$400,000 was raised to impact thousands of lives around our world this year affected by HIV/AIDS and malaria. This effort was realized through the collaboration of the members and supporters of the INUMC, Imagine No Malaria, and the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, of which Bishop Trimble is a chairperson. As funds continue to be donated, an updated amount will be shared about the progress of the miracle offering.

Uniondale UMC raised and contributed \$110 to the Indiana Miracle Offering. Thank you all!

Children's Page

Back to School!



Fruit of the Spirit Maze

Help the girl find the different fruit of the Spirit.

