



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

July - August 2021

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Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events



July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 1 – Gary Cook
- 6 – Sue Chaney
- 9 – Margaret Hasler
- 12 – Sharon Espich
- 19 – Ron & Bonny Nelson
- 30 – Betty Cary

August

- 1 – Kolson Herstad
- 15 – Sandra Imel
- 25 – Jeanette Gilbert
- 30 – Mindy Drayer

- Sunday, July 4 – Independence Day, Communion Sunday
- Sunday, July 11 – 10 AM - Worship at Bill & Connie Hix's pond, Steve Hix Baptism followed by a picnic carry-in meal, bring your lawn chairs
- Sunday, July 18 – Food Bank Sunday - bring your food items
- Tuesday, July 20 – Wells County Cluster Tin Caps Game – 7 PM
- Sunday, July 25 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, August 1 – Communion Sunday
- Monday, August 9 – Wells Cluster meeting–Bluffton First UMC - 6:30PM
- Sunday, August 15– Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, August 29 – 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.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

We're going to have our first baptism since I became your pastor 4 years ago! Steve Hix told me several months ago of his desire to be baptized but we were social distancing and masking when close to others. A couple months ago he said that he wanted to be baptized by immersion. It was decided that we could use Bill and Connie Hix's pond and Connie suggested that we could have a carry-in meal afterwards. The date is Sunday, July 11 at 10:00 AM with worship first concluding with the baptismal service followed by a picnic lunch. Bring you lawn chairs and a dish to share and join in the fellowship!

Baptism is important because it is the public declaration of a person's acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and their desire to live as his disciple in their words and deeds. Nobody can live as a disciple of Christ without spending time reading and meditating on the Bible every day and interacting with other Christians for fellowship, encouragement, support and growth.

The Fourth of July, the celebration of the birth of our nation – officially Independence Day – is on a Sunday this year! It's important for us to remember our history because it helps us to know who we are, where we've been and what was important to our founders. Although much has changed since the early days, some things are still the same. Each person today is expecting the same inalienable rights – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness – that the signers of the Declaration of Independence desired in the new nation. We're all looking for a place to call home, a place to belong, a place to make a living and a life of our own choosing.

Sometimes we get frustrated with the way things are done in our government. But the government is a reflection of the diversity within our nation. Paul wrote in his letter to Titus 3:1-2, "*Remind the people to obey the rulers and authorities and not to be rebellious. They must always be ready to do something helpful and not say cruel things or argue. They should be gentle and kind to everyone.*" (CEB) We each have a right to vote for the persons who represent us in the legislature and to tell them what we think about the issues at hand. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure."

As Christians it is also important for us to pray every day for the elected leaders in all levels of our government. They have challenging work to do and they need the wisdom and guidance of God to make the best choices possible.

Meditate on the words of this hymn that reminds us that all people everywhere have God-given hopes and dreams for a peaceful life.

"This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine."

-- Lloyd Stone, 1934, # 437 vs.1 *UM Hymnal*

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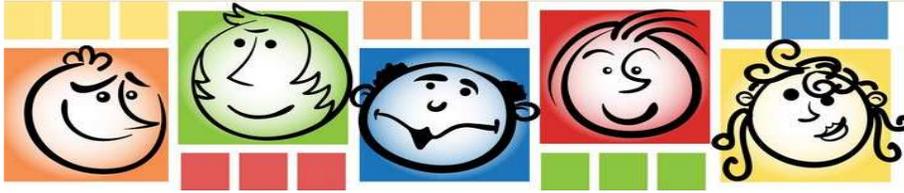
Committee News

Trustees

Continued thanks to those helping to keep the grass cut and things cleaned up around the church. The roots growing into the parsonage sewer line has been eliminated. Repairs have been made to the church kitchen lights and the sign wiring.

Wells County Cluster

The Cluster meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at Uniondale UMC at 6:30 PM. Thanks to those helping host the meeting and providing snacks. The Cluster decided to offer Tincaps game on July 20 and we discussed popsicles for the Bluffton Street Fair. The next Cluster meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2021 at Bluffton First UMC at 6:30 PM.



Please remember

Betty Cary
200 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #120HC
Bluffton, IN 46714

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

Gary Cook
Markle Health & Rehabilitation
170 N. Tracy Street
Markle, IN 46770

Jeanette Gilbert
Golden Apple Unit
Christian Care
720 East Dustman Rd.
Bluffton, IN 46714
Or Mail to: c/o Jill Martin
2172 E US 224
Ossian, IN 46777

Margaret Hasler
37446 Carson
Farmington Hills, MI 48331



VERY MOVING

As a singer I sing at many funerals and I was recently asked by a funeral director to sing at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a Pauper's Cemetery out near a town I was not familiar with. Everyone that knows me knows I can be directionally challenged and once my navigation system lost its signal, I was lost.

Anyway, I finally arrived, an hour late, and saw that the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad and apologized to the guys for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to sing. The workers put down their lunch and began to gather around. I sang my heart and soul out for this man with no family and friends.

As I sang "Amazing Grace", the spirit began to move and the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I prayed a benediction and started for my car, my head hung low but my heart so FULL.

As I opened the door to my car, I overheard one of the workers say, "I've never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I was still lost

March 2021 Budget Summary	March Actual	March Budget	March Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,264.31	4,208.67	(944.36)	13,274.58	12,626.01	648.57
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,393.06	3,791.99	398.93	12,071.96	11,792.64	(279.32)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(128.75)	416.68		1,202.62	833.37	

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED



1. Matthew

Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, Killed by a sword wound.

2. Mark

Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by Horses through the streets until he was dead.

3. Luke

Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous Preaching to the lost.

4. John

Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge Basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution In Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve As Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully

5. Peter

He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

6. James

The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

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7. James the Son of Zebedee

Was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

8. Bartholomew

Also known as Nathaniel was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

9. Andrew

Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

10. Thomas

Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the Sub-continent.

11. Jude

Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

12. Matthias

The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

13. Paul

Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times For the sake of the Faith. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Summer Word Search

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E	D	A	N	O	M	E	L	J	F	U	B

SUMMER	BEACH	JUNE
SUNNY	SWIMSUIT	JULY
SUNSCREEN	BUGS	HOT
POOL	VACATION	AUGUST
LEMONADE	BASEBALL	SUNGLASSES



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