



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

March - April 2019

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events



March and April

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

- 1 – Kim Chaney
- 17 – Martha Hix
- 19 – Troy Drayer

April

- 1 – Brent McAfee
- 10 – Jim & Karen Ottjes
- 16 – Steve & Martha Hix
- 19 – Aubree Horne
- 30 – Troy & Mindy Drayer

- Sunday, March 3 – Communion Sunday
- Saturday, March 9 – Faith Circle-9 AM
- Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time starts-2 AM
- Sunday, March 17 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, March 31 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, April 7 – Communion Sunday
- Sunday, April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday
- Friday, April 19 – Community Good Friday Service at St. Marks Lutheran at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt-east lawn at 10 AM
- Sunday, April 21 – Easter Fellowship Breakfast-8:15 AM
Easter Service/Communion-9 AM
No Sunday School
- Sunday, April 28 – 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.



A Word from Our Pastor

I'm glad that we are nearing the official end of winter – March 20th is the first day of spring. We've had enough snow and frigid weather to help us appreciate the more moderate weather coming our way. I'm always glad to see the daylight getting longer each day and early on Sunday, March 10th we spring our clocks ahead one hour for longer daylight in the evening.

We're also at the beginning of Lent. March 6th is Ash Wednesday, a day to repent of our sins and be reconciled through offering ourselves to God. Many church services on that day put ashes on the foreheads of the participants with the statement, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The ashes are from the burned palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. I recommend reading **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21** on that day to set a tone for the season. For centuries Christians have practiced fasting during Lent as a spiritual discipline to remind us of Christ's suffering on our behalf. Fasting originally was going without food for a specific period of time – one meal or one day – to spend the time in prayer and in giving the cost of the missed meal/s to the poor (a charity such as a food pantry). Ask God to show you how you should fast and pray throughout Lent.

Our Lenten sermon series is titled, "Lent – A Time of Turning." Each Sunday is focused on the process of transformation from sinners into saints, turning around or turning toward something or someone: God our Creator (re-creation), Jesus our Savior (redemption) and our brothers and sisters (reconciliation). We turn back to God every day for forgiveness, grace, strength and guidance.

In our fast-paced daily lives, it is easy to get caught up in earthly things so that eternal values become blurred and almost forgotten. We need to be reminded that we must continue to make Christ the central core of our lives if we are to be victorious believers.

To help us keep our focus on Christ we often sing the chorus of the following hymn, but seldom sing the verses. Meditate on these words as you remember what Jesus has done for us.

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!
3. His word shall not fail you – He promised; believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

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Blessings and Shalom,

Pastor Karen <><



Committee News

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet on March 9, at 9:00 AM, at Uniondale United Methodist Church. We will be enjoying a "Paint & Praise" acrylic painting session, led by Connie Hix. Please bring your favorite Bible verse on a half sheet of paper, a snack to share, and your own drink. All women are welcome. Men are also welcome to meet there and share in a breakfast fellowship at a local restaurant.

Nine Companion Cluster

Our Cluster met Monday, February 11 at Bluffton 1st with the primary discussion being about the Hotcakes for Henderson Breakfast fundraiser to help fund the Henderson Mission Trip scheduled for March 24-30. The next Cluster meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 6:30 PM at Lancaster Chapel UMC.

Trustees

Thanks to Freeman Auto Repair for plowing the parking lot and to Bill Hix for snow blowing our sidewalks. Thanks also to Larry McAfee for help cleaning up water in the basement when the discharge line on the sump pump by the boiler came apart and sprayed over the boiler. This caused the refill pump to keep running and fill up the steam lines with water. The water leaked out of the steam vents on the radiators upstairs soaking the carpet around the organ and then flooding down in to the kitchen. Mr. B's Cleaning came and dried out the wet areas. We were able to have church in the basement. Campbell Services cleaned and serviced the boiler, and it now works as it should. After the heating season we will have a couple more things to clean and check on the boiler. The sign-up sheet for mowing the church lawn is out and help from anyone is appreciated. Sharon and Jim did a walk thru of the parsonage and found everything to be in good condition. The renters are taking good care of the house. We will be scheduling a clean-up and paint day to get the area in the kitchen cleaned up where the water damaged the paint as well as other areas of need. The congregation should be proud of the way you have kept up the church building.

Please remember

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An Irish Wish

May you always have
A sunbeam to warm you,
Good luck to charm you,
And a sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

May your joys
Be deep and many,
May your heart
be light and glad,
May you have the best
St. Patrick's Day
That you have ever had.



Treasure's Report

December 2018 Budget Summary	December Actual	December Budget	December Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	5,853.92	4,017.42	1,836.50	55,643.84	48,209.04	7,434.80
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,899.70	4,017.40	(882.30)	40,428.22	48,208.80	(4,208.46)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	954.22	0.02		15,215.62	0.24	

February 27, 2019

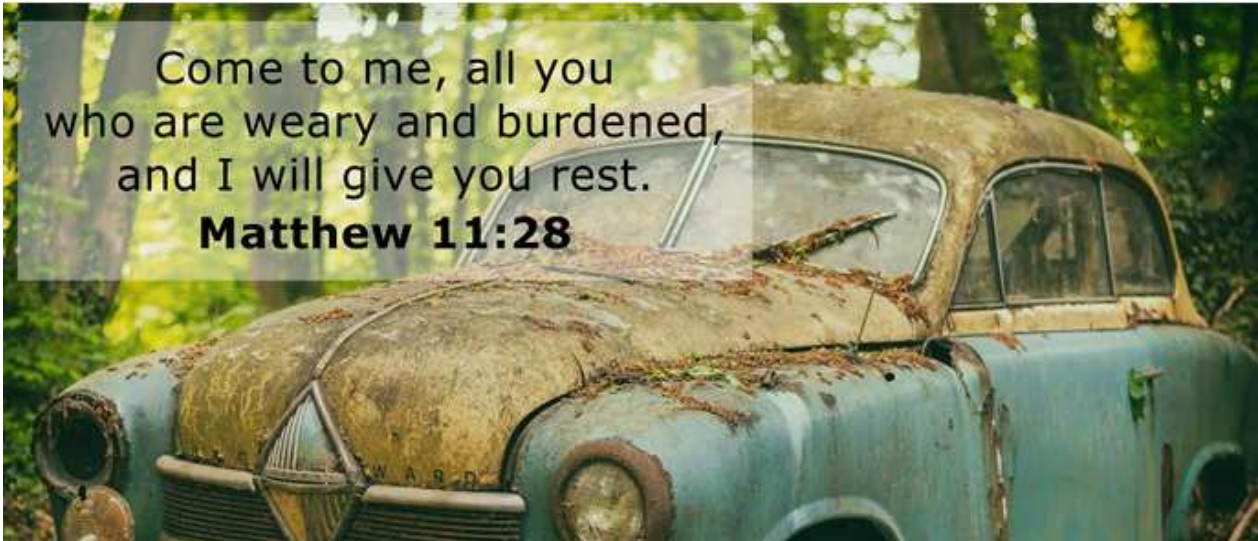
Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church releases statement regarding the Special-Called General Conference

Yesterday, the 2019 Special-Called General Session voted 449-374 to move forward with the Traditional Plan. We are thankful to be a part of a diverse, global Church. We acknowledge that with that comes differing opinions because we have geographical, generational and cultural differences. Clearly, human sexuality is a topic on which people of faith have differing and heartfelt views.

We recognize that there has been much pain brought forth by the actions and decisions of the General Conference. We acknowledge and grieve that heartbreak. We re-affirm that all people are of sacred worth, as outlined in our Book of Discipline. We welcome people of all nations, ethnic groups, ages, and sexual orientations.

We will continue to lead — in our rural churches, on the streets of the inner city, in our global and local mission work, and in our daily actions. We will continue to be a movement of God's people reaching the 61.3% of the population in Indiana that are not involved in a religious community. God will continue to work through the people called United Methodist making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, all to the glory of God.

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Come to me, all you
who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

GRACEFULLY BROKEN!

I was in Dollar Tree last night and there was a lady and two kids behind me in the LONG line. One was a big kid, and one was a toddler. The bigger one had a pack of glow sticks and the baby was screaming for them, so the Mom opened the pack and gave him one, which stopped his tears. He walked around with it smiling, but then the bigger boy took it and the baby started screaming again. Just as the Mom was about to fuss at the older child, he bent the glow stick and handed it back to the baby. As we walked outside at the same time, the baby noticed that the stick was now glowing, and his brother said, "I had to break it so you could get the full effect from it." I almost ran because I could hear God saying to me, "I had to break you to show you why I created you. You had to go through it so you could fulfill your purpose." That little baby was happy just swinging that "unbroken" glow stick around in the air because he didn't understand what it was created to do, which was "GLOW". There are some people who will be content just "being" but some of us that God has chosen, we have to be "BROKEN". We have to get sick. We have to lose a job. We go through a divorce. We have to go through so called friends talking behind our backs, people who try to break our character all while smiling in our face! When we have to bury our spouse, parents, best friend, or our child because, in those moments of desperation, God is breaking us but when the breaking is done, then we will be able to see the reason for which we were created... so when you see us glowing, just know that we have been broken but healed by His Grace and Mercy!!!



St. Patrick's Day Word Search



C I G A M L
X L C K G U
D J O R J C
L L E V T K
F E O O E Y
N L P G X R

CLOVER GREEN MAGIC
GOLD LUCKY POT



What other words remind
you of St. Patrick's Day?

