



# Messenger

## Uniondale United Methodist Church May - June 2017

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.



### *May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries*

#### May

2 – Gerry Houtz  
2 – Bill & Connie Hix  
4 – Coralee Bowley  
11 – Connie Andorfer  
11 – Erick Kahn  
12 – Emily Bennett  
15 – Tim Evans  
19 – Alexis Evans  
19 – Kent & Mindi Herstad  
23 – Bill Hix  
24 – Jennifer Cook  
26 – Steve Hix  
29 – Ryan & Suzanne Kellam

#### June

2 – Brent & Paula McAfee  
4 – Madison Herstad  
4 – Ed & Coralee Bowley  
6 – Keeghan Shuman  
7 – Larry & Elaine McAfee  
9 – Abigail Swineford  
13 – Kasetyn Shuman  
16 – Connie Hix  
17 – Bryan & Natalie Swineford  
18 – Larry McAfee  
19 – Kent Herstad  
21 – Kamdyn Shuman  
22 – Tonia Evans

### Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 6 – Faith Circle “Breakfast Out” at Crimson House at 9 AM
- Sunday, May 7 – Communion Sunday  
Appreciation Day for Drayers -after Church
- Monday, May 8 – Nine Companion Cluster Meeting at Epworth – 6:30 PM
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother’s Day
- Sunday, May 21 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Wednesday, May 26 –Cluster Tin Caps Reservations due
- Sunday, May 28 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, June 4 – Communion Sunday
- Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day  
Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, June 25 – Pastor Troy & Mindy’s last day leading UUMC  
Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Monday, June 26 – Cluster Tin Caps game

#### **\*\*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.

Dear Church Family,

April 23, 2017

We love this time of year: new growth in all the world around us. The flowers and trees are growing new life. The warmer weather allows children to play outside and neighbors to reconnect after a long winter. As in nature, we all must grow and become all God wants us to be. With growth comes change and we all know that change can be difficult.

As most of you know, our last Sunday at Uniondale UMC will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. It has been a prayerful and soul searching decision. As our family has grown and job responsibilities increased, God has directed us to find a different ministry. Troy has shared with SPR about the challenge of Course of Study (continuing schooling for local licensed pastors) and its time commitment, but we want to be clear that this requirement is not why we are leaving. Many situations, circumstances, and a new calling from God have led us to the decision to leave pastoral ministry.

We want this transition to be positive for both the church and us. It's exciting to see what God will do with each of these ministries. That doesn't mean we won't miss each of you dearly, and we admit that we will shed some tears. UUMC has been such a blessing in our lives. You have supported and prayed for us through so much: graduations, weddings, cancer and colon surgery, job triumphs and failures, grandchildren and so much more. We have also been blessed to serve God by walking along hard roads with you. Fourteen years is a long time, and even though we won't see you every week, we will pray and be interested in your lives.

In closing, we encourage each of you to bond closely together with each other; to pray together and create your new vision with the next pastor. God is preparing this person now, and God is always faithful. Vision Big!! God wants His presence in Uniondale in a special way.

Love and blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy ☺

## Committee News

### EMM COMMITTEE

The newly combined EMM (Education/Missions/Ministries) Committee met on March 15. A well-attended Fellowship Gathering was held in March, and the Easter Egg Hunt in April was a great success! The reinstated Junior Church, led by Mindy Drayer, is going strong, with follow up material available for Sunday School. Mindy will be providing information for background checks for all of our children's teachers. New ideas for Missions were brought up and will be decided on at our next meeting.

### FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle met on March 11, at the home of Martha Hix. With the new meeting time of 9:00 a.m., Martha and her husband, Steve Hix, prepared a delicious breakfast for us. After the meeting, Martha led us in making "Iris Folding" shamrock cards. Everyone had a lovely time. Our next meeting will be breakfast out at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 6. We are planning to go to the new Crimson House in Ossian. Please come and enjoy this good time of food, fun, and fellowship with us! All are welcome!

Reminder: We do still have UUMC Centennial Cookbooks for sale! They are \$6 each. ☺

### SPR: STAFF /PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Since the SPRC last met on March 2, we continue waiting to hear from Rev. Kathie Jones, Assistant District Superintendent of the NE United Methodist Conference. Rev. Jones is working on finding the best pastoral fit for our church, due to the upcoming retirement of Pastor Troy Drayer. Our next meeting will be scheduled as soon as we hear from her.

### TRUSTEES

Trustees have been busy planning for the summer and tackling various projects. Many thanks to Connie Hix for repairing and painting the Meeting Room (former Preschool room). Work has started on the storage room at the front left of the sanctuary. The office on the right is next in-line. Whole church clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. The carpets were cleaned the week before Easter. Parsonage repairs are on hold pending news on its occupation. Mowing season has

\*\*Please remember\*\*

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Mary Cook-Room 109  
Gary Cook-Room 106  
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Many thanks to the UUMC men for providing the Fellowship Breakfast on Easter morning! It was enjoyed by all!



<b>March 2017 Budget Summary</b>	<b>March Actual</b>	<b>March Budget</b>	<b>March Variance</b>	<b>Year to date Actual</b>	<b>Year to date Budget</b>	<b>Year to date Variance</b>
TOTAL INCOME	5,217.76	4,209.92	1,007.84	14,367.47	12,629.76	1,737.71
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,752.51	4,209.92	(542.59)	12,064.51	12,629.76	565.25
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>465.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>2,302.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

## Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

These are the practices outlined by Bishop Robert Schnase of Missouri in this book the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations published by Abingdon Press in 2007. Those practices are:

- Radical Hospitality,
- Passionate Worship,
- Intentional Faith Development,
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service and
- Extravagant Generosity.

These become part of the core values that drive and inspire the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” the goal of The United Methodist Church at all levels.

In Schnase’s own words, here are the five practices which the Indiana Conference will use as it ministers to the needs of all people with whom the church touches making a difference here in Indiana and around the world.

**Radical Hospitality** - Christian hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.

It describes a genuine love for others who are not yet a part of the faith community; an outward focus, a reaching out to those not yet known, a love that motivates church members to openness and adaptability, willingness to change behaviors in order to accommodate the needs and receive the talents of newcomers. Beyond intention, hospitality practices the gracious love of Christ, respects the dignity of others, and expresses God’s invitation to others, not our own. (p. 11-12)

Radical means “drastically different from the ordinary practice, outside the normal,” and so it provokes practices that exceed expectations, that go the second mile, that take welcoming the stranger to the max. It means people offering the absolute utmost of themselves, their creativity, their abilities, and their energy to offer the gracious invitation and reception of Christ to others. (p. 21)

**Passionate Worship** - Worship describes those times we gather deliberately seeking an encounter with God in Christ. We cultivate our relationship with God and with one another as the people of God. God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another. Through worship, God actively seeks a relationship with us, pardons sins, restores relationships, and changes lives. (p. 33-34)

Passionate describes an intense desire, an ardent spirit, strong feelings, and the sense of heightened importance. Passionate speaks of a connection that goes beyond intellectual consent. It connotes eagerness, anticipation, expectancy, deep commitment, and belief. (p. 37)

Passionate Worship means worship that connects people to God, worship that people enter into with expectancy, and with the anticipation that God desires to speak to them and connect to them. Whether traditional, blended, or contemporary, Passionate Worship is authentic, connecting, and sustaining.

**Intentional Faith Development** - Intentional Faith Development refers to the purposeful learning in community that helps the followers of Jesus mature in faith, such a Bible studies, Sunday school classes, short-term topical studies, and support groups that apply the faith to particular life challenges.

Learning in community replicates the way Jesus deliberately taught his disciples. People cannot learn grace, forgiveness, patience, kindness, gentleness, or joy, simply by reading about it in a book. These are aspects of spiritual formation that one learns in community, through intentional engagement. The sanctifying presence of God’s spirit works through these practices to help us grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God. (p. 62)

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**Risk-Taking Mission and Service** - includes the projects, the efforts, and the work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, whether or not they will ever be part of the community of faith. Some churches have after-school programs for at-risk children, some send work teams across the state or across the world, some offer regular ministries to the incarcerated.

Risk-Taking refers to the service we offer that stretches us out of our comfort zone and has us engaging people and offering ourselves to ministries that we would never have done if not for our desire to follow Christ. Risk-taking steps into great uncertainty, a higher possibility of discomfort, resistance, or sacrifice. It pushes us beyond the circle of relationships that routinely define our church commitments. It changes the lives of the people who are served as well as the lives of those who serve. (p. 83, 78)

Extravagant Generosity describes practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor. Every scriptural example of giving is extravagant, and churches that practice Extravagant Generosity teach, preach and practice the tithe. The focus is on the Christian's need to give because of the giving nature of God whom we worship.

(All page numbers refer to *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, by Robert Schnase, Abingdon Press, 2007)

- See more at: <http://www.inumc.org/fivepracticesoffruitfulcongregations#sthash.2eP3TWWz.dpuf>

## Saved from Sin's Penalty, Power, and Presence

### BIBLE MEDITATION:

“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

### DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Some people get confused about when salvation happens. Let me see if I can shed some light on this subject. Salvation can be explained by using three verbal tenses in the English language.

- The moment you repent and believe upon Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are saved from the penalty of sin.
- After that, you enter a process of sanctification where you are being saved from the power of sin.
- When you get to heaven, you will be saved from the presence of sin.

What happens when you enter into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ? You are justified immediately in your spirit. You are sanctified progressively in your soul. And you will be ultimately glorified in your body.

### ACTION POINT:

Using Psalm 32:7, 41:2, 121:7-8, praise God that the preservation of your salvation is His job and not yours.

### We Are a 3-Part Whole



We are **spirit**, have a **soul** and live in a **body**

# Summer Word Search

K Z F W W H S F R A W W U  
G M A K C H I T O W E L J  
I R E A O S X O Y W H F A  
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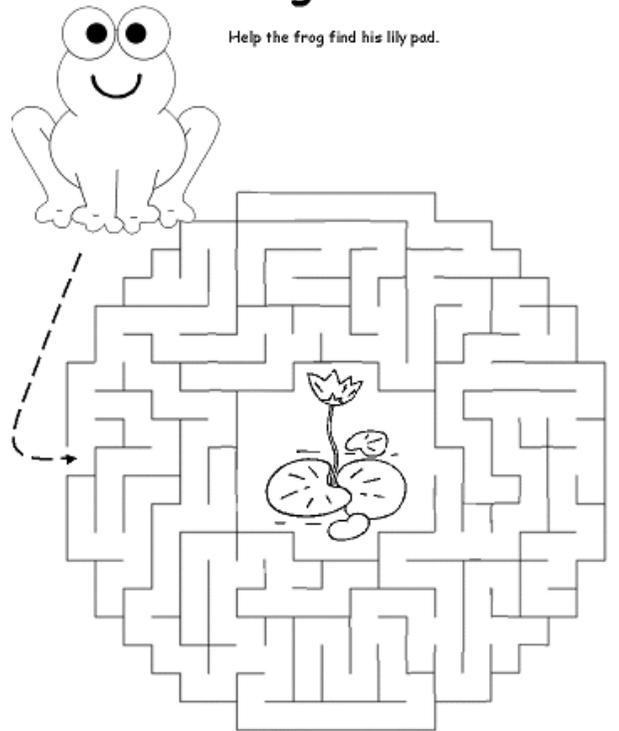
BEACH  
HOT  
SWIM  
WARM

CAMPING  
SHORTS  
TOWEL

FISHING  
SUN  
VACATION

# Frog Maze

Help the frog find his lily pad.



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