



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

May - June 2019

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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
19 – Kent & Mindi Herstad
23 – Bill Hix
26 – Steve Hix

June

4 – Madison Herstad
4 – Ed & Coralee Bowley
7 – Larry & Elaine McAfee
16 – Connie Hix
18 – Larry McAfee
19 – Kent Herstad

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4 – Faith Circle breakfast at Rich's Café at 9 AM
Sunday, May 5 – Communion Sunday
Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day
Monday, May 13 – Cluster meeting at Lancaster Chpl at 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 18 – Church clean-up day-please plan to help
Sunday, May 19 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
Kids Changing the World-bring your change
Last Sunday School class until September
Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day
Sunday, June 2 – Communion Sunday
Sunday, June 9 – **Pentecost Sunday – wear red**
Wed-Sat, June 12-15 – Indiana Annual Conference in Indianapolis
Sunday, June 16 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
Father's Day
Sunday, June 23 – Outdoor worship in church yard/carry-in lunch
Sunday, June 30 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
Guest speaker

****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

Spring is finally here. Spring is my favorite season. I enjoy the variety in the four seasons, but I like spring best. The sun usually shines more than it has over the winter, the temperatures are warmer, the birds come back from their winter locations, the flowers begin blooming and the trees come back to life. I like the variety of colors that replace the white and gray of winter. What a wonderful world God has created for us to inhabit and care for!

We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ a couple weeks ago and now we are in the season of Easter. The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days ending on Pentecost (June 9th this year), is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. During this season the scripture lessons focus on Jesus' appearances to his disciples with his ascension, final teachings and promises as well as the beginnings of the Christian church as recorded in the book of Acts. Pentecost is the day we celebrate God's gift to the church of the Holy Spirit for wisdom, guidance, and empowerment to spread the Good News. We'll continue to sing hymns that focus on Christ's resurrection every week during this season, while we also remember that **every** Sunday is a "little" Easter.

During May and June we will be remembering our Mothers, our Fathers and those who died serving our country in our armed forces. Our parents gave of themselves to help us become the people we are today. The deceased military men and women gave their lives so that the United States of America could continue to be the land of the free and the home of the brave. We need to remember all these people and regularly give thanks for their sacrifices.

This year we are going to have an outdoor worship service in the church yard on Sunday, June 23. We want to invite the community to join us for worship and for the cook-out and carry-in lunch afterwards. More information about this event will be coming in the next few weeks.

Take some time in the coming weeks to pray and meditate on the following hymn about the glory of God's creation around us.

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

-- Maltbie D. Babcock, #144 *UM Hymnal*.

Shalom,

Pastor Karen <><



Committee News

EMM Committee (Education, Missions, Ministries)

Upcoming EMM Events –Mission collections-May—Bible Trailer, June & July—Operation Classroom
 Activities-June 23—Outdoor Worship in church yard with carry in to follow.
 Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.
 Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Hunt.

Faith Circle

The Faith Circle women met on March 9 and enjoyed a “Paint & Praise” painting session led by Connie Hix. The men also enjoyed a breakfast fellowship. The Faith Circle women and men met on May 4 at Rich’s Café in Waynedale for breakfast for the last meeting until next fall.



SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee)

Over view of the SPRC April 24 meeting follows:
 Discussed church mission and vision statements. The Vision statement is quite long, so "Service, Fellowship, and Community Outreach," was suggested as an easily remembered motto. Pastor Karen stated that we need a Lay Leader and will contact a possible candidate. Discussed paying expenses for annual conference attendees: Kent, Mindi, Jim and Pastor Karen. Sharon will take this to the Board for approval. Pastor Karen shared her scheduled vacations. She will miss the following Sundays: June 30, September 15 and 22, and December 1. Communion will be moved to December 8.

Trustees

Thanks to those who signed up to mow the church lawn. We still have a month or two open. Sign-up sheet is in back of church. Planning a clean-up day on May 18 to clean up around the church and repaint in the basement by the TV set due to water stains. We are looking into possibilities for heat and air conditioning the church as we have learned that a costly boiler repair will be needed soon. A temporary fix has solved the problem for now.

Please remember

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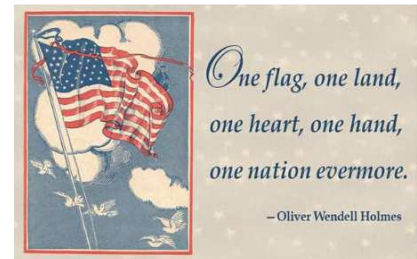
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Remember

Memorial Day – May 27th

Flag Day – June 14th

Treasure’s Report

March 2019 Budget Summary	March Actual	March Budget	March Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	5,844.20	3,967.25	1,876.95	14,575.98	11,901.75	2,674.23
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,275.72	3,967.21	(308.51)	11,884.16	11,901.63	17.47
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	1,568.48	0.04		2,691.82	0.12	

Judicial Council's Decisions about 2019 General Conference Legislation: Traditional Plan and Exit Provision Are Constitutional

From the Wesleyan Covenant Association

In two separate rulings, The United Methodist Church's Judicial Council (its "Supreme Court") has rejected the argument that the entire Traditional Plan (TP) adopted at the 2019 special General Conference is unconstitutional, and it has also ruled that a local church exit plan is constitutional.

The nine-member Judicial Council (JC) said the General Conference delegates were well aware when they approved the TP that the JC had ruled certain petitions that were a part of it were unconstitutional. (The JC made those rulings at its meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, this past November.) Nevertheless, it maintained that those petitions in the plan that were deemed constitutional could still go effect despite the unconstitutionality of others.

Upon the passage of the TP at the special General Conference, the Rev. Timothy Bruster, a delegate from the Central Texas Annual Conference and a proponent of the One Church Plan, made a motion asking the JC if the entire TP should be deemed unconstitutional since it was passed as a whole plan. In other words, were the TP petitions so integrally related that if some were found to be unconstitutional then the whole plan must be so as well?

The JC responded, "The petitions held unconstitutional have no effect on the petitions declared constitutional. The constitutional petitions are not dependent on the unconstitutional petitions and can survive without the unconstitutional petitions." The result of the JC ruling means those TP petitions deemed constitutional will go into effect January 1, 2020.

One week after the special General Conference, the Council of Bishops asked the JC to rule on the constitutionality of a plan the delegates adopted for allowing local churches to exit the denomination. The JC ruled the plan adopted did not conflict with the church's constitutional provision allowing annual conferences to authorize the exit of a local church once certain conditions were met.

Traditionalists will welcome both rulings.

The TP is an attempt to restore good order to the church in annual conferences where bishops and church leaders have essentially colluded with defiant pastors to thwart the UM Church's clear teachings regarding its sexual ethics, teaching on marriage, and its ordination standards. The plan continues the church's long-standing welcome to all persons to participate in the ministries of the UM Church. It enhances accountability standards for clergy who defy the church's *Book of Discipline*. And it strengthens provisions for holding church leaders accountable for following the church's procedures when adjudicating complaints against those who have willfully defied its covenants.

Many traditionalists have so soured on church leaders who have either been unwilling or unable to maintain good order that they have looked for ways to leave the denomination with all their assets and properties. While the plan adopted by the General Conference does contain potential stumbling blocks to an exit, a pathway for some local churches has now been created and deemed constitutional.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association will provide more details regarding the Judicial Council Decisions in the coming days. It thanks the church's judicial branch for honoring the will of its legislative branch, and it strongly encourages the Council of Bishops – its executive branch – to abide by the will of the church.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

Author Unknown

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast?

Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show, and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit! And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!!

Summer Word Search

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W	G	L	A	M	C	H	M
I	J	M	M	P	Y	Y	Z
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K	O	I	G	U	F	U	N
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BEACH
CAMP
FUN
HOT

SUMMER
SUN
SWIM
WATER



Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land
the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12 NIV

