



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

May - June 2021

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events



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

Saturday, May 1 –	Faith Circle Breakfast out - 9 AM
Sunday, May 2 –	Communion Sunday
Thursday, May 6 –	National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 9 –	Mother's Day
Monday, May 10 –	Wells County Cluster meeting @ Uniondale UMC - 6:30 PM
May 11-12 –	Annual Conference (virtual)
Thursday, May 13 –	Ascension
Sunday, May 16 –	Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
Sunday, May 23 –	Pentecost Sunday – wear red
Sunday, May 30 –	Last Sunday School class until September Kids Changing the World-bring your change Peace with Justice Offering
Monday, May 31 –	Memorial Day
Sunday, June 6 –	Communion Sunday
Sunday, June 20 –	Father's Day Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
Sunday, June 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.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

The weather has warmed up, our yards and trees are green again, and we're able to enjoy the variety of blooming flowers. We can now safely visit with our friends and neighbors outside without masks and being 6 feet apart and can look forward to a more normal summer this year than last year's.

Jim and I went to South Carolina at the end of April to visit my brother and his family (wife, 2 married adult children, and 3 grandchildren) who live south of Greenville and are connected to his son's business, CityScape winery. We also visited my cousin and her husband who left Anderson, IN, for Bluffton (near Hilton Head) and golfing. We ended up in Myrtle Beach for the 3-day Springtime Jubilee of singing, laughing and preaching for senior adults. We had a good time and enjoyed the great weather.

May and June are times of celebrating school graduations, Mothers' and Fathers' Days, and those who died serving our country in our armed forces. It's also time for vacations, picnics, visits to the lake for swimming and boating and many other outdoor activities.

We will miss our piano player Samuel Narath after May 2nd. He is completing his second year of college and going back home for the summer, and we will be back to singing with prerecorded music during worship.

The National Day of Prayer (NPD) is this week on Thursday, May 6th. With our country in a difficult season due to the Covid-19 virus, the immigration crisis on our southern border, and the changes due to a new president and legislature, we need to be praying for our nation more than we usually do. There will be copies of an NPD prayer guide on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The National Day of Prayer focuses prayers on the seven (7) centers of power: government, military, media, business, education, church, and family. Use it on May 6th (and any time in the future) to help you pray for our nation.

Here are a couple verses of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," an old favorite hymn about prayer, to meditate on this month.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His Word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

– Words by William Walford, 1945, *U.M. Hymnal* #496.

**Shalom,
Pastor Karen <><**



Committee News

Faith Circle

Faith Circle met on March 6, with Elaine McAfee as our host. Thanks to her sister, Donna Geisman, for teaching us to weave a small basket. What an enjoyable time!

On May 1, Faith Circle met for its annual breakfast out at Crimson House, in Ossian. A lovely meal, plus fellowship, was enjoyed by all. The men's group went on to Rich's Cafe, in Waynedale, for their own fellowship breakfast. The groups will now break for the summer and meet again in the fall, date to be determined.



Trustees

Thanks to those helping to keep the grass cut and things cleaned up around the church.

Wells County Cluster

The next Cluster meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021, at Uniondale UMC at 6:30 PM. The cluster is in need of a leader or co-leader. Thanks to those providing snacks and helping to host this meeting.



Please remember

Betty Cary
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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



Memorial Day

Never Forget

Ever Honor

Make sure you test positive for faith. Keep your distance from doubt, and isolate yourself from fear. Trust in GOD through it all.

AMEN!

Treasure's Report

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	

EINSTEIN & BILLY GRAHAM — DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING?

Not long before Billy Graham died, leaders in North Carolina invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it. The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, "I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it."

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one."

Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this...

I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going. May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door. Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point.

Amen and peace, my friends. And may each of us have lived our lives so when our ticket is punched we don't have to worry about where we are going. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! — Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:4,11-13

Author unknown



Laughter



Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hope, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert. It also helps you to release anger and be more forgiving. With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health. Best of all, this priceless medicine is fun, free, and easy to use." - HelpGuide.org.

☺ Most people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew.

☺ Forbidden fruits create many jams.

☺ Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Sampson. He brought the house down!

☺ During a Sunday School lesson, a child learned about how God created people. He became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying on the floor clutching his side. When she asked him what was wrong, his priceless reply was, "Mom, I have a pain in my side....I think I'm getting a wife!"

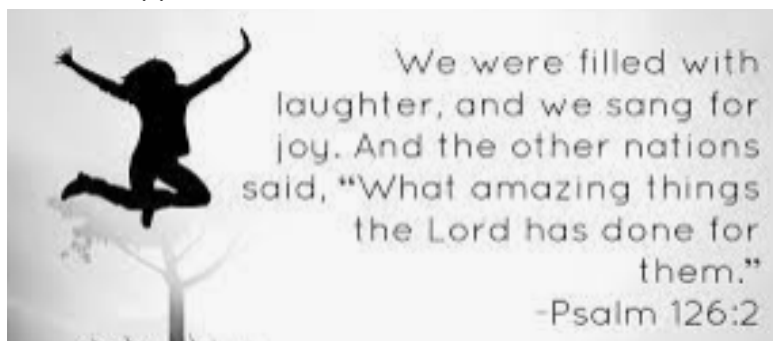
☺ Words of wisdom: There's a fine line between a long drawn out sermon and a hostage situation.

☺ In a moment of creative inspiration, the owner of the laundromat located right beside the church, made this sign for his shop window: Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!

☺ A young minister sitting down to dinner was about to say grace when she opened the casserole dish that her thrifty husband had prepared from countless refrigerator leftovers. "I don't know," she said dubiously. "It seems to me that we've blessed all this stuff before."

☺ Where is a square dance class mentioned in the Bible? In Jonah 4:11, it says, "There are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left!"

☺ A father often read Bible stories to his young children. One day he read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



BIBLE WORD SEARCH



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| FAITH | GALILEE | CHURCH |
| GOLIATH | GOOD FRIDAY | BETHELEHEM |
| GRACE | PAUL | REDEEM |
| MOSES | LAST SUPPER | SANCTIFY |
| SERPENT | GALATIANS | PSALMS |
| DEUTERONOMY | ETERNAL LIFE | PARABLE |

