

# Messenger

## Uniondale United Methodist Church

May - June 2022

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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
- 6 – Ron Nelson
- 7 – Larry & Elaine McAfee
- 16 – Connie Hix
- 18 – Larry McAfee
- 19 – Kent Herstad

- Sunday, May 1 – Communion Sunday
- Thursday, May 5 – National Day of Prayer
- Saturday, May 7 – Faith Circle - breakfast @ Crimson House- 9 AM
- Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day
- Monday, May 9 – Wells County Cluster meeting @ Epworth UMC - 6:30 PM
- Sunday, May 15 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items, Native American Ministry Offering Sunday
- Sunday, May 22 – Last Sunday School class until September
- Thursday, May 26 – Ascension Day
- Sunday, May 29 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day
- Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday – wear red**, Communion Sunday, Special offering for June & July-Bible Trailer Annual Conference – at IWU, Marion, Indiana
- June 9-11 – Annual Conference – at IWU, Marion, Indiana
- Sunday, June 12 – Church at the Pond @ Ouabache State Park-10AM
- Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day, Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items, Peace with Justice Sunday Offering
- Sunday, June 26 – 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

Spring is here! I think I was looking forward to spring this year even more than most years. As most of you already know from mid-January through April 19th Jim was unable to drive due the pressure of extra water on his brain that made him confused, out-of-balance and caused problems with his short-term memory. Praise the Lord that the surgery to put in a shunt to drain off the excess water was successful! Now Jim is back to driving and doing the things he was able to do before this problem. We took a vacation to Branson, Missouri, during the last week of April and Jim did all the driving. We both enjoyed the time away to get our spirits refreshed by the singing, preaching and fellowship at the Jubilee conference. Tim Tebow, the last speaker, gave a powerful message about using our gifts to make a difference in other people's lives as long as we are able.

During the Easter season (now through Pentecost, June 5th) I will be preaching a series of sermons on parts of the book of Revelation titled, "Visions of Heaven." Basically it covers the opening chapters (1-7) and the last two (21-22) which help us to know about our future in heaven. It won't get into the more difficult parts to understand. I hope you will learn something and be encouraged about heaven.

During May and June we will honor our high school graduate Madison Herstad, our mothers and our fathers. We will also say good-bye to Samuel, our musician on May 8th. He is leaving us for the summer and also for the fall semester while he is serving a church in Denver, Colorado, in an internship-type part of his college major. On Memorial Day weekend we will remember the deceased military men and women who 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.

In the past we have had an outdoor worship service and picnic at Oubache State Park in the summer. The EMM committee has reserved the Lakeside Shelter for our use on Sunday, June 12th. More information about this event will be coming in the next few weeks.

We need to continue to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior over the next weeks. As you focus on his resurrection, remember he promised us that we, too, will experience resurrection after our earthly life is completed. We do not know what the future holds for us, but we know that he has promised to be with us through all of life. Then he will come back and take us to be with him. During May meditate on the encouraging words of this Easter hymn.

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

-- William M. James, #304 *UM Hymnal*

**Shalom,**  
**Pastor Karen <><**



## Committee News

### Faith Circle

Our next meeting, and last meeting until next fall, will be May 7, at 9 AM. We will meet for breakfast at the Crimson House in Ossian. The men will also meet at the same time and go to breakfast at a location of their choice. All are welcome!

### Trustees

It is that time of year that we need to keep the church lawn and landscapes mowed and trimmed. The church lawn mowers have been serviced and are ready for use. Please consider signing up for a period this summer to mow the church grass and help keep the area around the church mowed and cleaned up.

The elevator 5-year inspection has been completed and the annual state permit has been renewed.

### Wells County Cluster

The next Cluster meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022, at Epworth UMC at 6:30 PM.



\*\*Please remember\*\*

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### Treasurer's Report

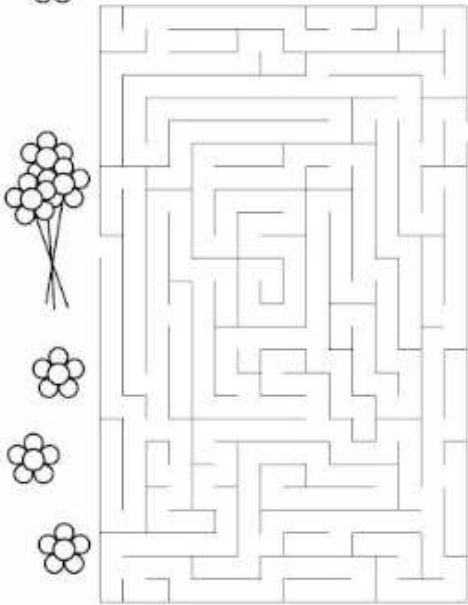
<b>March 2022 Budget Summary</b>	March Actual	March Budget	March Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,595.51	4,667.58	(1,072.07)	15,101.52	14,002.74	1,098.78
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,799.97	3,834.21	(965.76)	14,397.62	12,335.96	(2,061.66)
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(1,204.46)</b>	<b>833.37</b>		<b>703.90</b>	<b>1,666.78</b>	



**God Bless Our Church!**

## BRING THE BOUQUET

## TO MOM



## Memorial Day

Last Monday in May



AMERICAN  
ANTHEM  
CEMETERY  
CEREMONY  
COMMEMORATE  
DECORATION  
FALLEN  
FLAGS  
FLOWERS

FREEDOM  
GRAVE  
HALF MAST  
HEROES  
HOLIDAY  
HONOR  
MAY  
MEMORIAL  
OBSERVANCE

PATRIOTIC  
REMEMBRANCE  
SACRIFICE  
SALUTE  
SERVICE  
SOLDIERS  
TAPS  
VETERANS  
WAR

