



UNION *Presbyterian* News

UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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Union Presbyterian Church is a loving family that welcomes the diversity of our community and seeks to engage, nurture and challenge each other to grow in faith and service to the Lord.

Bring your kids...bring your grandkids...
invite your friends and neighbors
to bring their kids to the

UPC Easter Egg-stravaganza

Saturday, April 23

1:00 p.m. at the church

There will be egg hunts for various
age groups up to 5th grade.

We need your help to make this a successful event!
Please bring in donations of plastic eggs and/or
wrapped candies, or there will be a basket in the
narthex where you can make cash donations
towards the purchase of these items.

Whether you have young children or not, please
plan to come for the fun, fellowship and refresh-
ments. Let's show the community that UPC is an
active, vibrant church family!

Don't forget your baskets!

Communion Class

The Christian Education Committee would like to
find out if there is enough interest at this time to hold
a Communion Class. The class is offered to children
K-3rd grade and is designed to help them gain an
understanding of how and why we, as Christians, cel-
ebrate communion. If you would like more informa-
tion or are interested in having your child partici-
pate, please contact Pastor Fouse.

The new email address for the church is upc@fuse.net
You can contact Pastor Fouse at richardefouse@gmail.com



**Coming to UPC
June 20-24!**

Vendor/Craft Sale

Thank you to all who volunteered for the vendor sale.
It was a great success! Look for it to be back next year.
Special thanks go to Drusie Miller who donated the
vendor sign, Lori Ruwe for designing the sign, Julie
Hansel for the wonderful Easter balloons that decorated
the entrance to the drive, and the senior high youth for
all the great food offered... There were great comments
from the vendors about the help they got from Tyler
Gardner and Hunter Ague with getting their supplies into
the church. Again, thanks to everyone that helped make
this event a great success. Our church is truly blessed!

—Deacons

500 CANS

Please continue to support the Gallatin
County CAC by bringing in your canned/dry
goods for the month of April. Thanks!

We're on the Web: www.UnionPresby.org



TROOP 805 NEWS

Spring has blown in and with it Spring Break!

The Troop recently were guests at First Church for a lock-in, and had a great time working and playing and making some new Scouts welcome. Not your typical Scouting activity but change can be fun! And for the next step, it's a journey to the uncharted vastnesses of Camp Michaels.

March also sees a successful completion of the Merit Badge Challenge, and 20+ Scouts are wrapping up their work on interesting topics such as Nuclear Energy and Plumbing and Medicine.

The Scouts are working hard on some fundraising opportunities as well, several big trips are in the works for this Summer and the experience is all the richer if one is able to work towards the cost! These guys are available for all sorts of yard work and spreading mulch and other Spring projects. Asst. Scout Master Matt Grimes is doing a masterful job of spearheading this effort, call him please at 859-992-4432.

The Troop would like to invite the men of the Church to join them for a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning April 9th. We'll be visited by Dominic Dumancic, a former professional basketball player from Croatia who will bring us some thoughts and a special message on raising children in our modern society. If you'd like to join us please call 859-992-4432.

It must be mentioned that the Troop has won the Girls Bible Study Group Penny Race. The boys are working on selecting a beneficiary for the winning share of the proceeds.

Troop 805 is proud to be a boy-run unit, operated by Scouts and for Scouts, and welcomes all young men over 11 years old. Bring your son by some Monday evening to see Scouting at its finest!

We build Eagles from the inside out...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Gilliland	4
Tessa Gieske	6
Dave Hofmeister	6
Zack Funyak	12
Barbara Burdett	13
Lori Ruwe	13
Jacque Sherwood	17
Charles Martin	22
Elsie Longley	27
Heather Vanzant	29



John & Lisa Harkrader	5
Dean & Donna Shupe	22
George & Kathy Betz	30

New Projector Installed

Thank You to Tim Howard of Howard's Handyman (also known as the drummer with Earthen Vessel) for donating his time, tools, and talent in helping Dan Skulan with the install of the church's new projector.



CREW 805 UPDATE

The Venture Crew is as thrilled to see Spring as everyone else, and they're kicking it off with a kayak trip in May.

Members of the Crew have been working with some of the newer Scouts to bring them up to speed. It's a great thing to watch. They're also gearing up to run the COPE Course at Camp Friedlander for a special event in April.

Members of the Crew are working to earn money for this Summer's Sea Base trip to the Bahamas; if you've got odd jobs needing some young and enthusiastic labor please consider bringing in some youthful energy. These guys can do a great job of laying down mulch into your flower beds!

Further out, there are lots of plans for road trips and trap shooting and kayaking and rock climbing adventures; it's a challenge to keep up with those young imaginations!

Crew 805 will be what you make it!

Got questions?

Call Crystal Noem at 384-1335

Or Barry Akins at 384-3806

Or just ask a Crew member!



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UPS Seniors

The UPS group is on the move in 2011!

- On March 22nd, 22 UPSters enjoyed a potluck lunch and games at the church.
- On April 6th, our group has 26 folks going to Butler State Park for lunch.
- Our regular meeting and lunch will be April 21st at Colonial Heights.

See the church website for the new pix and story on the UPS Seniors.

Youth Ministry Update

“The core identity of all churches should be to pass on their faith to the next generation.” —MARK DE VRIES

“Youth Ministry is about radical hospitality, outrageous generosity and transparent prayer.”

—MICHELLE THOMAS-BUSH

The Middle School Youth will be selling potted **Lilies and Hyacinths** for Easter. The flowers can be purchased in honor or memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary for our Easter morning service and a list of those recognized by each flower will be printed in the bulletin. Each flower costs \$8, and \$2 from every sale will help support Sheila, a young girl the middle schoolers adopted several years ago through Christian Children’s Fund. An order form will be in the narthex the first two Sundays of April. The flowers are yours to take home on Easter morning.



Mulch Sales are in full swing! If you are interested in purchasing bagged Black Platinum mulch see any Senior High Youth member. This fundraiser helps send the youth to Montreat, North Carolina for the Presbyterian Youth Conference. Driveway delivery is free if you live within 10 miles of the church.

Deadline for the May 21st delivery date is May 8th.

A BIG thanks goes out to Dave Hofmeister and Andrea Vanzant for teaching middle school and senior high Sunday School this year. The youth enjoyed learning from them and both Dave and Andrea survived to talk about it!! We are looking for someone to teach for the remainder of the year. We have found a curriculum that will be very easy to teach from. This is a great way to get to know the young people of our church and it’s only a 45 minute commitment each Sunday morning. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Brian and Laura Pears.

Coffee Club Changes

Our Coffee Club has been notified by Equal Exchange/ Interfaith that we will no longer be able to order mixed cases of coffee bags. Unfortunately, about 80% of the coffee bags that we order are in mixed cases. While individual bags will continue to be available at the EE retail site, the cost per bag is considerably higher (\$3 per bag plus shipping). If we are to continue to purchase coffee bags at wholesale, we will be required to purchase unmixed cases (6 bags of a single variety & grind). Orders for tea, cocoa, and chocolate bars will not be affected since they are already available only by the case.

Briefly, the reason for the change is mostly due to the difficult global coffee market. Climate change has adversely affected coffee production, so supplies of quality coffee are lower and prices sharply higher. When the commodity market is high, some farmers sell to “coyotes” for immediate cash, rather than wait to receive a higher price at a later date through their co-op. Coyotes sometimes provide farmers with artificially high prices to “break” the co-op. Also, EE/ Interfaith wants to more clearly distinguish between wholesale and retail.

While your Club leadership (from Union, Ft. Thomas, Community of Faith, and Mt. Washington PC) has not yet finalized our response, you can be assured that the Club will continue. However, our offerings of individual coffee bags will be limited to the more popular varieties, beginning with our May order. Although we will no longer be able to continue our long-standing policy of never carrying over coffee bags from the previous month, with the new packaging introduced late last year, every bag is date marked so its freshness is indicated.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Please feel free to contact one of the Elders on Session:

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2011 UPC Coffeehouse

