

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.

November 2011

SESSION NOTES



We have asked Pastor Will Jones to be our fill-in for Pastor Dick Fouse during Dick's continued recovery. Will has graciously agreed

to be our Pastor on Sunday mornings. If any church member has any other Congregational Care items, please pass those needs along to any session member and we will address them to the best of our abilities. The session continues to work closely with other groups and committees at UPC. We offer our assistance to the PNC, the Stewardship Committee, and other active groups that are trying hard to grow our church. We are continuing to work on various projects that will be revealed at a later date as they are finalized.

Sincerely yours,
Brian Pears
Clerk of Session

UPSeniors



SENIORS ON THE MOVE!

Our regular UPS meeting will be held on November 17th at Colonial Heights at 10:30am. We have 32 going on our December outing to Playhouse in the Park, where we'll see the December 4th matinee of "Always, Patsy Cline." Let's meet at the church at 1:00pm. God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving from the UPS group!

Senior High Youth Spaghetti Dinner - Take 2. The Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 10th. A delightful Italian dinner will be served from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Stop by any time and let the Senior High Youth take care of all the prep work and clean up for your family dinner! The dinner is FREE but this is our annual request for donations for the Pastor's Fund. All proceeds are turned into gas and grocery gift cards to help others in need. Please bring gift cards, cash or check donations.

Youth Thanksgiving Bags - Thanksgiving bags and shopping lists are available in the Narthex. Canned goods can be returned on Sunday, November 13th - the youth will sort and deliver the canned goods to the Gallatin County CAC. Thanks for your generosity!!

Youth Room Rehab - For those interested in sharing thoughts and ideas, or learning more about the Youth Room Rehab plans, there will be a meeting on Sunday, November 20th after worship to discuss the project.



Come support a fundraiser on Saturday, November 12th at 1:00pm for the rehab of our

Middle/Senior High Youth rooms! We'll taste a delicious recipe, try tools that make kitchen tasks easier, and learn entertaining and cooking tips - all while supporting a great cause!

We'll raise funds two ways. 1) Donation of up to 15% of the fundraiser's total sales and 2) \$3 contribution for each show booked from the fundraiser. Mark the date on your calendar and ask a friend or two to come along!

We are having 3 different demos:

- 1:30p Appetizers: Cut and chop!
- 2:30p Souper Special Cookware
- 3:30p Decadent Desserts!

Enter to win a Deep Covered Baker, Pizza Party Set, or Butterball Turkey gift check!

See Tracy Gardner for tickets!



BIRTHDAYS

Nov 2 Sara Mathew
Nov 6 Noel Foltz
Nov 19 Bob Janes
Nov 19 Adam Scott
Nov 22 Evelyn Hilton
Nov 25 Dan Skulan

Anniversaries

Nov 4 Ray & Anita Merkel

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



November 6 – FAMILY MEAL – Potluck following worship

November 20 – Hanging of the greens after worship. The Christmas Season is just around the corner, so let's prepare our hearts and our church for the arrival of the Savior. We will be "hanging the greens" around the church and putting up the angel tree. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun and festivities of preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth! A light lunch will be provided.

December 11 – Christmas Union, the church's Christmas Party after worship. Look for sign-ups in the Narthex.

January 8—Session members will host lunch following the Christmas de-decorating

February 5—The men of the church are sponsoring our "Souper Bowl" luncheon

Please continue to pray for Pastor Fouse as he is at home recuperating after surgery. He will begin cardiac rehab within the next few weeks. He greatly appreciates your prayers, cards, and well wishes. His address is:



Reverend Dick Fouse
108 Ridgepointe Drive
Cold Spring, KY 41076-9090

Fair Trade Delegation to Nicaragua **January 7-14, 2012**

Equal Exchange (provider of our gourmet coffee and other Fair Trade products) and the Presbyterian Hunger Program invite you to join a group to witness first-hand the impact of Fair Trade on small Nicaraguan coffee farmers.

Included in this 8-day trip will be orientation, background readings, a visit to an indigenous coffee cooperative, and a stay in homes of coffee farmers.

This is an exceptional opportunity for an on-the-ground experience guided by seasoned leaders. Cost for 2012 will be about \$575 plus airfare. The \$575 is all inclusive.

Help and funding is available through our Coffee Club. More information is available at the link below or from Dean Shupe (371-8074) or Daryl Knauer (801-3616).

www.pcusa.org/delegations

Christmas is Coming!



The K-5 and Middle School Sunday School classes will be presenting *The Last Noel*, a musical offering, during worship on December 18th. They will be preparing it during the Sunday School hour beginning on November 13th at 9am. We'd like to invite all the kids in these age groups to join us for a fun learning experience through word and music! Feel free to speak with Heather Blaker or Susan Byrd for additional information.

STEWARDSHIP 2012

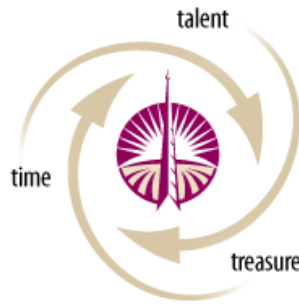
We kicked off our 2012 stewardship campaign during the October 30th worship service. This is an exciting time for us at UPC! We've just been through our visioning process, where we gathered to talk about what's important for our church. Some of the things we identified are:

- ◇ Hire someone to lead our Christian Education and youth programs
- ◇ More focus on the family, have more family events and more small groups
- ◇ Improve communication and do a better job of marketing our church using various advertising media, the Internet, and different types of promotional events

We also have some facility improvements we need to make — fixing the parking lot, replacing windows, and remodeling the senior high and middle school youth room.

And, finally, we have begun our search for a new pastor to lead us in moving toward our vision.

So there are a lot of things we would like to accomplish over the coming year, and we need



everybody's help and participation to get there.

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing a lot more about stewardship...not just about your financial contributions, but also of the many opportunities to serve. At some time during that period, we will be mailing out pledge

cards with a list of these service opportunities.

December 4th will be designated as **Stewardship Sunday**, when we will ask you not only for your financial pledge, but will also ask you to sign up for at least one church activity.

Please listen to the messages you will hear over the next few weeks and prayerfully consider the commitment of your time, your talent, and your treasure to help us achieve the vision we set for our church.

Our stewardship committee members are Dave Hofmeister, John Seibert, Dan Skulan, and Bill Wynn. We welcome your input. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of us.

News from the Learning Center



The "Stars for Kids Now" quality childcare rating system recently conducted an inspection required for renewal of our 2-star rating. We fully expect to keep our status and plan to seek a 3-star rating soon.

We participated in the St. Jude trike-a-thon in October and raised over \$300. During the 27 years we have held this fundraiser, the ULC has raised over \$11,000 and helped over 1,000 kids right here in Kentucky!

ULC has been offering developmental screenings to its students and several parents have agreed to let their child participate. The DIAL-3 screening tool is being used to identify possible developmental delays which may need further assessment. Early intervention is always the key in helping any child reach their full potential.

The students of ULC will be giving a Thanksgiving performance on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7pm. There will be a family dinner held before the performance and it should be a fun night for all!



Troop 805 News

Fall is definitely here! Halloween trick-or-treating and the time change remind us that Winter is just around the corner...

The Troop most recently went to Churchill Downs for the JamboRama, a huge camping festival on the infield of the racetrack. Watching the horses exercise at dawn was a special treat, and some extra special homemade pizza wasn't all bad, either!

The Troop recently participated in the Dan Beard Council SpookORee at Camp Craig. They passed out candy to the younger Scouts, worked the game booths, and ran the Haunted Trail, having a great time all the while.

The Troop would like to thank those who purchased wreaths and Christmas decorations at the recent sale. This fundraiser and others will help as we begin the push to upgrade to a larger Troop trailer. There may be a few extras showing up in early December?

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...

Crew 805 Update

The Venture Crew is enjoying the Fall season as well, and look forward to spreading their wings.

The Crew joined with the Troop on the recent JamboRama trip, but they also made a side trip to Camp Crooked Creek to shoot rifle and shotgun competitions and work out on the COPE Course – good times!

Several of the Crew are helping to set up a Veteran's Day flag display at the Greater Cincinnati Airport. They're getting closer in age to the soldiers that they encounter, and some deep thinking is being stimulated.

Further out, a survival weekend in Central Kentucky is on the schedule, and the Crew is dedicated to making it REAL.

And lastly, these capable older Scouts will be sharpening up their rock climbing skills as they prepare for a trip to Camp Falling Rock, where they will be rigging climbs and rappels for the younger boys. Good Stuff!

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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