



# UNION Presbyterian News

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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.*

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## SESSION NOTES



Many things that session has met and talked about in September, church members have already seen happen in October.

The ordaining and installation of Elders Bill Wynn and Brian Pears and Deacons Beverly Wynn, Elaine Johnson and Tyler Gardner (youth) took place on September 25th. We welcomed new members into our congregation: TIFFANY BALLARD, THOMAS BALLARD, HEATHER BLAKER, KEVIN DERN, LIDA CRAFT, JOE CRAFT, BETHANIE PURIN, JAMIE GELEMENT, and MARILYNN MILLWARD. Some of you have heard the treasurer of church updating the congregation on finances and the fact that we as a church body are running low on giving for the year. Session feels that there is a need for repairs and renewal for our parking lot. Session has received bids on cost for repairs to be made to the parking lot, however, further financial discussion is needed. Approval was given for the Senior High Youth to hold a Spaghetti Dinner to raise the funds for the "Pastors Fund" (monies that can be given to those who stop at church in need). Session also is very happy to see the Fall Festival and the many monthly fellowship meals on the upcoming calendars.

Thanks to the UPC family,  
Brian Pears  
Clerk of Session

Any time you have questions about things going on in the church, or if you have a question or concern or see something that you feel needs attention, please raise it to any of the session members listed in the bulletin. We want to serve all people within the church. We also ask for your prayers! Thanks so much!

## UPSeniors

### SENIORS ON THE MOVE!

On October 12, we have 35 seniors going to Keeneland for our monthly outing. October 20 is our regularly scheduled meeting and lunch at Colonial Heights. After lunch, we will go to the theater room at Colonial Heights and view a live show that was taped in Branson, Missouri. The music from this DVD—Red Hot and Blue—is from the 1920s to the 1980s. It is a very enjoyable show!



Join your UPC Family on Thursday, October 20th for a Spaghetti Dinner! The Senior High Youth will do all the cooking and all the dishes so come and enjoy a delicious dinner. Donations will be accepted to replenish the Pastor's Fund. Gift cards to gas stations or grocery stores, as well as cash or check donations are appreciated as they help out our neighbors in need.

We'll see you on October 20th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the family room!





**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Jim Vanzant
- 5 Winnie Barlow
- 5 Suzanne Fedders
- 8 Zachary Wriedt
- 10 George Reed
- 12 Carol Monhollen
- 13 Gary Arts
- 17 Kevin Hillman
- 19 Laura Pears
- 20 Dick Schmalzl
- 20 Lynn Jasensky
- 25 Brian Pears
- 25 Bill Wynn
- 27 Jovian Wirasakti
- 27 Tanner Gieske
- 30 Mary Schmalzl

**Anniversaries**

- 1 David & Carol Monhollen
- 3 Jim & Andrea Vanzant
- 4 Robert & Linda Janes
- 4 Dan & Dana Skulan
- 7 Adam & Amy Scott
- 9 Gary & Sue Arts
- 18 Todd & Sue McEntyre
- 18 Jeff & Julie Hansel
- 30 David & Pam Braun

**ADULT CLASSES CONTINUE**

On October 2, George Betz was joined by Dean Shupe for an exciting new DVD-based series



filmed on location in Galilee and Jerusalem – "First Light: Jesus & the Kingdom". This 12-session study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God features two of the world's leading Jesus scholars – John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg.

Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus – *Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World* – taken from a Roman emperor and given to a Jewish peasant from Galilee? Was it low lampoon or high treason? Either way, the Romans were not laughing.

This God-immersed Jesus proclaimed the "Kingdom of God". What were his priorities? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean? Does his message continue to indict empire today?

**Christmas is Coming!**



Well, it might not be right-around-the-corner but it's closer than you probably realize! The K-5 Sunday School kids will be providing a musical worship offering this Christmas season. They will be preparing it during the Sunday School hour beginning on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We'd like to invite all the kids in this age group 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.



### Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage

Would you like a fresh breeze to blow in your marriage? Do you long for a marriage where intimacy and communication are a reality instead of a dream? "Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage" is a

topical series by Chip Ingram examining God's design for marriage, with practical instruction to help you make your marriage what God desires it to be.

CD messages are approximately 50 minutes each and the DVD includes twelve 25-minute group sessions. Message titles include:

- God's Dream for Your Marriage
- What Went Wrong? Barriers to Intimacy
- Communication: How to "Share Hearts" Instead of "Exchange Words"
- Four Keys to Intimacy
- Conflict Resolution: How to "Fight Fair" in Marriage
- Men and Women: Enjoying the Difference

Sign up for this small group ministry. We will begin on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the home of Dave and Sherry Hofmeister. If you have any questions call Dave or Sherry at 485-9691. Sign up today in the narthex.

### Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC is meeting regularly and is looking forward to making great progress!



Thus far we've:

- spent time with our Presbytery liaison who provided us with the necessary "phases of the search process", including the steps that we MUST take as well as suggestions for other actions that will be helpful as we move forward
- identified specific roles within the PNC
  - ◊ Co-Chairs: Lisa Harris and Laura Pears
- created project plans/goals/actions for the process
- reviewed the Visioning Team Report
- requested additional congregational input through the online survey

Our next step in the process will be to complete the Church Information Form which is used to provide potential candidates with details about our church.

There is a lot of work yet to be done! Please keep the PNC in your prayers as we seek God's guidance and blessing in this search for new pastoral leadership at UPC!

### **News from the Learning Center**

- ULC participated in the Ryle Homecoming parade. Maybe you saw our picture in the Florence Recorder!
- Students, teachers, and parents had a GREAT time at Farm Haven!
- We are participating in the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon on October 13 and 14. In the past 27 years, ULC has contributed over \$11,000. Last year, we helped six children in Boone County.
- Halloween parties are scheduled for October 27 and 28.





## Troop 805 News

Fall is here, a Scout's almost-favorite season. Cool, clear evenings, the water is still warm enough for canoeing, and Halloween is just around the corner between football games!

The Troop most recently headed up to Ft Ancient for a bicycle trip that included working on a conservation project. The weather was great, the stars came out in a grand display, and an excellent cheesecake was produced.

The SeaBase Crew has run out of stories and is slowly morphing into a Philmont Crew. This hardy bunch is beginning preparations for 10 days of backpacking in New Mexico in 2012

The Troop recently participated in the Root Beer Float Sale at Kroger, raising money for disadvantaged Scouts to attend Summer Camp. The boys raised over \$500 in one day, which should send 3 Scouts to Camp.

Our Scouts are also fundraising to support their own camping and other activities with the annual Popcorn Sale. With a bit of time and work invested, the boys are able to cover much of their costs for campouts and activities.

The Troop is also sponsoring a larger-scale fundraiser as we begin the push to upgrade to a larger Troop trailer. After 13 years of noble service, the existing trailer is no longer large enough, and it's time to upgrade.

Our Troop will be selling Christmas wreaths and garlands this Fall to support this effort, taking orders through October and November with delivery set for early December.

Please support our boys when they come to your door, they're selling great products for a good cause!

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 too, looking forward to spreading their wings.

Members of the Crew went along on the recent Troop bicycle trip and performed some heroic labor on the conservation project. Our Scouts were commended for accomplishing twice as much as another Troop that was twice the size!

Several of the Crew are heading to a "Leave No Trace" Trainer's weekend, where they will learn the skills and techniques that will help preserve our wilderness lands for future generations. They'll be bringing their new knowledge back to the Troop to teach the younger boys how to do it right.

Further out, a survival weekend in Central Kentucky is on the schedule, and the boys are reminded that it will be deer season and to plan for that.

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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