



# 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.*

September 2011

## SESSION NOTES

Greetings from the Session!

We hope everyone has a happy and safe transition from summer to late summer and the beginning of school!

We are getting ready for the beginning of Sunday School, and the Worship Committee and the Christian Education Committee have come up with several ideas for the coming season. We will be meeting with the deacons very soon to get their ideas and input into the planned activities.

Session voted to give authorization to Dick, Glen Byrne, and John Seibert to meet with the roofers and sign a final contract. We had thought insurance would cover the whole roof, but the church is paying approximately \$12,000 in addition to the insurance amount so that we can get the entire church roofed. Session also approved the expenditure of \$445 for mulch for the playground to keep it safe according to the state regulations. The ULC has parents that will spread the mulch.

We had motions to receive new members into the church (the Harris'), to invite the Montreat Youth to conduct worship service on August 7th, and for the Congregational Meeting on August 7th to elect church officers and members of the PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee). We got an update on the name and number of organizations that use our building. We discussed having a new members class starting in September, having a visioning meeting September 18th (food after the service), having a Fall Festival the first weekend in November and having regular church lunches one Sunday a month. We also have a bid to do patching of the parking lot and restriping.



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



On September 7th, the senior's group will travel to Springboro, Ohio for a play and luncheon at

LaComedia. We will see "The Church Basement Ladies". Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

Our regular UPS meeting for September will be at Colonial Heights on September 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Our October 12th event will be a trip to Keeneland in Lexington. Let's meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.

P.S. Don't forget Tai Chi on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.; chair yoga 10:40 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.; and Sign Language 11:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

God Bless!



### ***BIRTHDAYS***

- 1 Jennifer Sudenga
- 4 Linda Janes
- 6 Dave Monhollen
- 8 Noah Sudenga
- 9 David Mathew
- 12 Bob Sherwood
- 13 John Seibert
- 13 Tyler Gardner
- 13 Lisa Harkrader
- 16 Linda Baumer
- 19 Jennifer Bourg
- 19 Bill Martin
- 20 Paul Hunt
- 22 Jim Martin
- 24 Ellie Schmalzl
- 25 Megan Renauer
- 26 Erica Vanzant
- 30 Nicholas Foltz

### ***Anniversaries***

- 6 Lori & Phil Ruwe
- 9 Debbie & Eric Forney

## **ADULT CLASSES RESUME**

### **AFTER LABOR DAY**



The popular series "Great Figures of the Bible" with Amy-Jill Levine (moderated by George Betz)

will resume on September 11 and conclude on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On October 2, George will be 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?

Join us in October for this stimulating and challenging study of "Jesus & the Kingdom".

**September 11, 2001.....** Do you remember where you were or what you were doing when you heard the news that day? Please join us in *A Service of Hope and Remembrance* at 10am on September 11, 2011 as we observe the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America .

# Coffee Club

## Congratulations Coffee Club

Our Community Coffee Club has been notified by Equal Exchange that we were among the top 25 Presbyterian "congregations" out of nearly 1,400 across the nation that purchased the highest volume of Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks through the Presbyterian Coffee Project in 2010. Thanks to all those in the Union, Ft Thomas, and Community of Faith (Covington) communities that have faithfully supported the small co-op farmers through their purchases over the years. If you have not yet tried the exceptional EE products, we encourage you to "join the Club".

In 2010, the total of all Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolates and snacks purchased by Presbyterians through the Coffee Project was 145,187 lbs (or **73 tons**). Since the Project's start only 10 years ago, Presbyterian groups have purchased **577 tons** of fairly traded products. This is a huge accomplishment.



By supporting Fair Trade, we have helped small farmers to stay on their land, plan for the future, and care for the environment. And we are "doing justice".

## Change: Coffee Order for October

The Club order for October will be submitted to Equal Exchange by team members at Ft Thomas PC. The order deadline remains unchanged (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Sept 18), but Sept 4 will be the last Sunday to place an October order in the church narthex. Orders after Sept 4 must be placed at the Club's web site:

[www.nku.edu/~longa/coffee/order.html](http://www.nku.edu/~longa/coffee/order.html)

In case of difficulty (only), call Andy Long at 572-5794. Pickup on Oct 2 will be unchanged. Our normal order routine will resume in October.

With the return of cooler weather, we can again order organic chocolate bars.

## **News from the Learning Center**

Union Learning Center is ready for the start of the 2011-2012 school year!!

We have hired a new 3-year old extended care teacher, Rachael Sitavich. She is newly married and the aunt to one of ULC's favorite students, Taylor Hodges. Welcome, Miss Rachael!!

A representative from STARS was on hand to advise our teachers on classroom arrangement last week. We participated in the Mann Elementary open house with an information booth. Our own annual ULC open house was held on August 31 and was open to both registered and prospective families.

**Congratulations** to our kitchen manager, **Ms. Agnes**, who recently scored 100% on a surprise visit by the health inspector! We are still accepting registration of new students and remember.....our best form of advertising is word-of-mouth!!

