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SESSION HAPPENINGS

The session met on April 8, 2020 at 7pm by teleconference due to the Covid-19 epidemic. All members were logged on and Rev. Tom Milligan, moderator opened with prayer. Rev. Milligan questioned how we trying to keep up with the needs of the congregation in these difficult times. It was mentioned that we are using electronic means and also increasing our mailings to serve people without internet access. It was noted that organist Bob Trimble was coming in the following day to record Easter Hymns and Marty and Julie will be getting information out so people can listen in if they have access. The monthly Press will continue to print and more copies will be mailed out than usual.

It was noted that the April Presbytery meeting was canceled. Union has been continuing to pay the benevolences that were in the 2002 budget. We also recently sent checks totaling \$1116 to the EPC General Assembly and the POTE presbytery for our “Per Member Asking” (per capita in PCUSA) This was the total for 31 people who voluntarily sent it in. We are currently receiving tithing and also a love offering for Rose Brendel our custodian whose husband passed away. We have gotten about \$1700 for her and it has been greatly appreciated.

The pastor search committee reported it had gotten one application plus an email inquiry from a pastor in Scranton interested in leaving PCUSA for an EPC or ECO church.

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Newsletter Submissions for the July issue are due June 21st

The financial committee presented the monthly treasurers report for approval and also noted that heating oil will soon be ordered and noted that bills continue to come in as usual and will need paid. \$400 benevolence was paid to Black Rock Retreat.

It was agreed we will not post a return to worship date until further information is available as to how the response is working and the government officials give guidance and recommendations. A decision will be made at the appropriate time. We will publish sites where people can listen to online worships and our own music. Marty is working with Rev. Swinehart and Mick Chase and possibly others to weekly publish a “sermon type” message that we can get out to as many people as possible while services are canceled. We will include copies of them with the Press for people without electronic access. The Easter Egg hunt was canceled and the Deacons and Trustees have not been meeting but both have been doing some church work individually.

A few people have expressed interest in transferring from other Presbyterian churches to Union. The session will need to meet with them, per EPC (and PCUSA) guidelines and this will be done as soon as permitted. Also, per EPC guidelines, we will be updating our active/inactive Rolls as this should be done yearly and has not been done in several years. The session is reviewing a letter and list of names that will be contacted.

The meeting closed with prayer to meet again on May 13, 2020.

UNION CHURCH WILL TENTATIVELY REOPEN JUNE 7th!

At the recent session meeting, much discussion revolved around when Union will resume services. There have been many different opinions on this. The governor originally called for a shelter in place into March. Then he extended it to June 4th. At the same time, they put case load numbers into effect, requiring new cases to be less than 50 in a county over a 14-day period. Lancaster county has not been close to this number. Some people think it is unfair to count Lancaster's heavy concentration of nursing homes where the great majority of cases have been in that number. The numbers in the southern end have been extremely low, in fact in Kirkwood's zip code the number is zero according to the state data. Then to add to the confusion, Lancaster counties commissioners voted to open the county May 15th. There is considerable disagreement on both who has authority and what the legal ramifications may be of early reopening. Several churches in the Oxford area opened the third week of May. Some Quarryville churches have already opened.

We took an informal poll over the Union email chain and received about a dozen opinions on when we should reopen. About 60% favored opening early. One mentioned that if we need to follow all the safety guidelines we probably shouldn't open early. Please keep in mind that even when the governor does move us from the red to the yellow stage, we ARE expected to follow extreme safety procedures. Some people feel that we will NEVER go back to the way things were pre Covid. Nevertheless, we will be putting many safety and distancing measure into effect to insure everyone's safety.

As we write this, we are intending to resume services on Sunday, June 7th. As mentioned, we will have many safe health measures in place such as only using every other pew and staying apart within the pews for non-family members. Sanitizer will be available many places. Gloves will be available for people needing to use the stair railing and elevator. A maximum of 2 should use the elevator at a time. Use the sanitizer before you enter church (The door will be open) and if you touch anything, use it again upstairs. Stay 6 feet apart. Don't socialize in the church. If the weather is nice outside and you want to talk, that is your privilege. Don't automatically assume the other person wants to talk. Use the phone when you get home if you have a lot to talk about. There will be NO Sunday school at the start and the service will be a little shorter so people are less likely to use the bathrooms which are harder to control. (Of course, use if you must!) Offering will be collected a little differently. We even have a new sanitary way to hold communion when the time comes. Masks, as recommended by the state, should be worn. We are fortunate to have such a large sanctuary that we can socially distance with ease. We usually have about 40 people in a room that has held 400 already!

These safety measures certainly sound draconian but keep in mind many sources feel they may be needed even when we enter the green phase to prevent resurgence of the virus. As this is written there are many places in the country (and the world) that are trying different experiments on reopening. As more is learned from this we may need to readjust our current opinion on the June 7th date. We will inform everyone by the email and phone prayer chain as we near that date. Please help and pass the news around to people you know that may not have access. And especially consider this: Each individual must make their OWN decision on what they should do based on your personal opinions and circumstances. If you are uncomfortable returning, please know that everyone respects your decision. Also, if others feel it is important to resume some semblance of normalcy, please respect their opinion.

Below is what EPC has been putting on all of its correspondence and is important.



COVID CONFUSION by Mick Chase

Greetings again to my fellow believers at Union and to anyone who happens to read this message. Let us put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...and whatever we do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Col. 3:12-17.

The Covid thing goes on and on and still we wonder how it will play out or maybe end. The problem being that one of the main scenarios is that there is no real end to this pandemic. Pandora's box has been opened and there is no going back to the way things were.

For sure and for certain I do get antsy from time to time and I admit to being unsettled in my mind due to this undercurrent or background of fear and uncertainty pervading the very fabric of our lives. I continually asked God for wisdom and understanding. I ask God to keep me from evil and from being double-minded. Scripture clearly declares this in the book of James. James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The enemy of our souls certainly has ramped up fear so as to insert it into our lives in an intrusive, obvious, invasive, blatant ugliness right in our face, so to speak. As long as we pay undue attention to it, we fall under its power to dictate our very thoughts and actions. We teeter on the brink of double-mindedness where we find ourselves as a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind, on the edge of despair.

So...what can I do?

Actually, what I do is stop. Yes, stop. And if the cacophony of fear is still so loud that I seem unable to just shut it off, I call (loudly at times) out to God, asking Him to lead my heart and mind. Lead me oh Lord to that place beside the still waters and green pastures. Take me into Your presence where there is peace and wisdom and understanding.

One thing you can be sure of, where fear rules, its close kin, confusion, also abides. Confusion really hopes to thrust us into that country of chaos, where nothing is clear or certain, a place where one seeks to find our footing on shifting sand. Here, we face the danger of fooling ourselves.

And so, I stop...and be still...and then God's presence can become real. I realize that it has been with me all along...until I became distracted. I am reminded that, our God is not the author of confusion but of peace as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Cor. 14:33.

It is no wonder that fear and confusion are so loud a voice to our ears in the midst of this pandemic. Just turn on the television, or listen to what folks are saying. Even though the most brilliant minds in science and medicine are working day and night, they are dealing with the unknown, a thing we haven't faced before. They struggle to discover answers, only to find more questions.

The blame game...Isolation...Conflicting reports...When will this end? Is our economy tanking? What if I get this virus? When can I go back to work? What about these bills? What about testing? What will flu season be like? Where do I find toilet paper? Yes, folks, confusion is getting up a head of steam.

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Just listing all that stuff almost gives me a headache. Almost causes me to feel the grip of confusion in my mind. I can almost feel those walls closing in. The whisper of despair in my ear grows louder as I pay attention and take council with fear. The massive flood of information is in conflict with itself as confusion hopes to bring about chaos. Here is where anger flares to further cloud our daily journey in Christ. Anger demands answers to this largely unknown experience which afflicts this whole plant. Where is a path that will lead us through this minefield?

Scripture speaks to us about that very path. Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Yes, the word of truth will, indeed, lead us to sanity, to faith and not fear. We are not guaranteed to know to our satisfaction every detail. If that is our criteria, our demand, then we become prey and we will surely fall.

Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. He will light and make clear the true path before your feet. Verse 8 goes on to warn, beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

We see in 2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. So, this makes it clear that when doubts and fear assault me and when confusion lurks and stalks me, that the spirit of those things is not from God. Reject them and call out to God!

One of the things that really helps me maintain my focus is music. Especially music of praise and worship to God. He has provided this for our benefit to help us remain strong. To spend time in His presence. To come to our rescue when hard pressed. And to give us a sense of our eternal destiny as can be seen in Ephesians 2:6,7 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the Heavenly Realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. The very triumph and glory of this word from my God will ever help me soar on wings like eagles!

Back when we had a contemporary service and praise team at Union there was a praise song by Hillsong United that we sang quite often. This song speaks to my heart for this time. You can listen to it on your computer if you will. I find it an appropriate close to this message.

“Came to My Rescue”

Falling on my knees in worship
Giving all I am to seek Your face
Lord all I am is Yours
My whole life I place in Your hands
God of mercy humbled I bow down
In Your presence at Your throne

Chorus: I called, You answered
And You came to my rescue and I
I want to be where you are

Bridge: In my life, be lifted high
In our world, be lifted high
In our love, be lifted high

The Leash

Dear Readers,

This is Big Betty sharing some thoughts with you!

Recently with this pandemic, my family put me on a very short leash and I wasn't impressed. It reminded me of being a kid in Kirkwood, and I wasn't allowed to cross Route 472 unless an adult was with me! That lasted for years! When I taught the Ladies Bible Class, Kathryn Wagner was a member and many times she would say "Once an Adult twice a child". I thought that was an odd saying, but I understand it more every month!

In all the penned-up time I seem to have, I was reading the Bible aimlessly and I somehow got into I and II Samuel. I don't know if I forgot the facts, but they certainly did take on a new meaning for me. Some stories we remember from childhood and never acquire the adult version. I stumbled across David and Goliath. You can read the full story in I Samuel chapter 17. Read it, you will remember old facts!

David traveled from home, where he tended the sheep, to the War Zone, where his older two brothers were in the battle. HE HAD A LONG LEASH! His father was sending food to his other sons. While there, David met his brothers who didn't seem happy to see him. David also got to see the daily display of "GOLIATH". Goliath had been taunting Saul's army for days trying to do battle with someone. The deal was that whatever side won, they got all the spoils of war!

David asked why no one took Goliath up on his offer. Everyone was afraid! David appeared interested, but his brothers told him "Go home and watch the sheep, where you belong". David persisted and told King Saul, who agreed and gave him his entire suit of armor. David tried it but it was too heavy and cumbersome. In other words, the leash was too short! He said, "I'll go in my own clothes". Off he went, took the sling shot out of his Shepherd's Bag, stopped at the creek, chose several stones, and moved toward GOLIATH. Words were exchanged and before you knew it Goliath was missing his head.

This is a nice story, but what does it say to you today? David was close to God; he didn't just know about him. He knew the HEART of God! We need to know the Spirit, the Will, and the Desire of God. NEVER allow anyone to shorten your leash in that area of your life. You say, "Betty, who would do that?" The answer is easy. SATAN! Don't feel bad, David met Satan and fell for him sometimes, but he always realized and repented.

Who controls your leash? The world offers many leashes with various lengths, but they are all controlled by _____.

Only God can give you the leash to ETERNITY! In Romans chapter 10 verse 9 we read "That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved."

Let us join in prayer:

Almighty, Omnipotent God, we stand before you in awe as we search your word. Lord, show it to us as though for the first time, that we may be renewed in Spirit, Mind, and Body. Our desire is to honor you with study and good works. Take us by the leash and guide us on the journey. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

Anchored in Christ,
Betty Vasco

REJOICE

by Elaine Swinehart

During this time of quarantine, I have returned to one of my favorite books in the Bible, Paul's letter to the Philippians. It was always a book of encouragement and hope that usually did not demand a lot from me. That is until now. Now, when I read Paul's words of being content in all things and rejoicing always, I am challenged. We already discussed the contentment part of the challenge and today, I want to tackle this: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." command.

We all perceive joy differently. In my attempt to make sense of Paul's command to "Rejoice in the Lord always" I originally was going to tell you that joy is always with us, but it is sometimes elusive. I was going to compare it to putting together a puzzle where many of the pieces seem similar and you have to look for that one little thing that makes it the right piece, be it that small dab of color on the edge, the turned up edge, or a tiny letter on the rim. When you hunt for it, you will eventually find it. This was my take on how to rejoice in the Lord Always. But then the Lord opened up His concept of Rejoicing which is not elusive at all!

Rejoice! Be joyful! The dictionary defines joy as "a feeling of great pleasure and happiness." It's the emotion we feel when life is good - when the sun is shining, when our team is winning, when we are healthy, happy and heartened. Most people do not typically speak of the happiness of heartbreak, the pleasure of migraines, the blessings of losses or the joy of being in quarantine. I know it's not my first response. But then I hear Paul say: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice." and I wonder how Paul practiced this concept. This was not some pie in the sky, removed from reality theologian saying this. This was the apostle Paul who had done extensive missionary work, had started several churches, had been, imprisoned, stoned, shipwrecked, escaped over a wall of a city in a basket to avoid persecution, and he had churches he had founded floundering with false prophets and heresies. This is the same Paul who had a thorn in the flesh that God promised him the grace to withstand it rather than giving him the healing he wanted. With all this going on, and while sitting in a Roman jail awaiting trial, Paul still commands, not suggests, commands us to "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice!" Pretty incredible!

Within his letter Paul helps us redefine our understanding of joy, not the bubbly, giddy, happy feeling we associate with joy, but true joy - God's Joy. So, he helps us look at the reasons for joy, and the challenges of joy, by breaking it down in three segments:

1. Joy in - Philippians 3:1a, 4:4
2. Joy because - Philippians 1:28-30, 4:20-21
3. Joy even though - Philippians 1:12-14, 1:17, 3:2, 18-19 2:14-15, 4:2

First we look at the source of our joy. Too frequently we rely on circumstances, people, or feelings to make us joyful. We find joy in sunny weather, in getting outside, or in seeing our loved ones. Paul does not deny these sources of joy, he is talking about a different joy. The joy he is referring to is Joy in the Lord. When we focus on Jesus, our Lord, we remember that He is the Son of God, our Redeemer, Savior, King, and Friend. We remember that Jesus has died for our sins, was buried and rose again so we can live. We also remember what He will do, like walk with us and guide us through life, intercede for us with the Father, He will return from Heaven to take His children (that's us) back to Heaven to spend eternity with Him, He will destroy evil, Satan and all of his demons in Hell and He will bring about His new Heaven and new earth.

The Lord has put a new song in our hearts (Psalms 40:3) that the pains and distresses cannot drown out. Remember, if you want to have true joy, joy in all circumstances, make Jesus the object of your JOY.

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Second, why can we rejoice in the Lord always? This is possible because of what Jesus has done for us. Think about it for a moment. Jesus gave up heaven and all His power and authority, to come to earth as an infant where He grew and showed us a glimpse of the Father. Then He suffered and died on the cross in our place. He paid the penalty we owe for our sins so that we may receive God's forgiveness and become a part of God's family. By His death Jesus broke our bondage to sin as He conquered evil, sin and the Satan. We can rejoice in the Lord always because Jesus has set us free. Free from sin, free from the control of the world (Satan) and free to rejoice in the Lord always.

Third, we can rejoice in the Lord always even though... Paul calls us to rejoice in the Lord always, even (or maybe especially) during painful trials, intense sadness, illnesses, fear, uncertainty, and even this pandemic we are now experiencing. Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him (Hebrews 12:2) and in order that believers' weeping will one day turn into joy (John 16:20). Jesus' pattern of suffering followed by glory is in some sense the script for our lives as well.

In his letter to the Church at Philippi Paul draws attention to various challenges to joy that he experienced - prison (1:13), opponents (1:17, 3:2, 18-19), grumbling (2:14), and disunity (4:2). But Paul rejoiced in the Lord always, even though he sat in prison, maligned by his enemies, and hearing reports of sin and strife among his friends. His joy was not anchored in circumstances but in his Savior, who will never disappoint him and who will surely deliver him. These promises are also ours when we rejoice in the Lord, because of all He has done, and even through the difficulties of life.

Brothers and sisters, Christian joy is the great pleasures and happiness that we feel - whether or not the sun is shining, whether or not we are healthy or hurting. It is the joy we know because our Redeemer lives, because we belong to Him, and because He is making all things new. Paul calls us to: "Rejoice in the Lord always" by reframing our present challenges in light of Jesus Christ our Savior, Lord, Guide and Friend. So, when joy seems elusive, turn to Jesus and remember it is in Him we rejoice, because of what He has done and even though life is filled with trials, sin, and temptations Jesus has already won the victory.

So, let's rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say Rejoice! To God be the glory, Amen.



Todd Brown describes the process of pruning God is taking him through.

Watch his message at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OnxzEooZvY&feature=youtu.be

You can also find this link on our website at unionpres.com or our Facebook page at [Unionpkirkwood](https://www.facebook.com/Unionpkirkwood).

LIGHT IN THE SHADOW OF COVID-19 by Mick Chase

Greetings to all who serve at Union and to all who read this message. Psalm 104 paints a picture of the God we serve to be clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps Himself in light as with a garment. He makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His servants.

Shall we question ourselves; “How bright is His light, His flame of fire in me, His servant, today?” I don’t often like to face the answer as I consider my ways and thoughts. An unbiased observer might offer a merciful opinion; “More like a flame-out it seems to me!”

Looking into God’s mirror (James 1:23,24) and NOT forgetting what you see is not really much fun. It is more convenient to maybe shudder, turn away, and forget. God’s mirror will cast bright light on all sorts of junk and dust and clutter unless we slink away, back to our own ways, the easy path of self. The Big Me or perhaps, the B.M. of my life.

Dying to self is not a pleasant walk in the park! It requires and demands vigilance, obedience, diligence, persistence and, for sure, self-control. Nevertheless, this is the path to victory, to being a carrier of light, a flame of fire.

The title of this message was borrowed in part from the title of a book, “Light in the Shadow of Jihad” written by Ravi Zacharias. Ravi is an acclaimed theologian and Christian apologist. He and C.S. Lewis are high on my list of favorites when it comes to apologetics and Christian topics.

Apologetics is NOT the same as apologizing for whatever. We have no reason to apologize for Jesus and His light in our lives as Christians. The one exception would be when our behavior displays the fruit of our self-serving ways instead of the fruit of His spirit, His light.

My personal explanation or definition of Christian apologetics comes from the Bible. 1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. Yes, each of us is called to be a Christian warrior, a defender of the faith.

Christian apologetics is about seeing things God’s way. This is meant to be lived out in each of our lives day by day where the world around us can see the light of God’s truth. Our personal expression of this life and light in our eyes and demeanor is, in large, kind of like an open book revealing what makes us tick. People see this and respond or interpret what they experience when they interact with us.

The title of this message, Light in the Shadow of COVID-19 can be seen in words from scripture found in Isaiah 9:2. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Matthew referred to this scripture revealing Jesus as the fulfillment of this prophecy. You can read this in Matthew 5:14-16.

Since the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden we have all lived and traveled under the shadow of death. No matter whether we choose to accept or believe it, we will die. We are mortal. This refers to our physical bodies.

C.S. Lewis referred to this world and wherever people dwell as the shadowlands. We who inhabit this earth, this land of the shadow of death often flounder, or if my age, totter around oblivious to the light that God sent to us in the person of Jesus, the Christ. Folks flat out don’t usually like talking or thinking about the fact that we are going to die someday. Oh, we know it will happen but it’s just not a very comfortable subject.

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COVID-19 has made these shadowlands even darker, murkier than even before. An undercurrent of fear, despair and depression assaults our minds and senses. A background of worry and frenetic activity compete to capture and embroil our thoughts and emotions to further dim our light with the distractions and cares of this world. Our being offended and our vociferous opinions and convictions concerning all that comes with this pandemic does not, will not, bring peace or contentment or joy to anyone. Our burning anger and judgement about things will lead no one to eternal life and light. We must guard our hearts and minds in this time of trial and testing.

I am reminded of a warning from God's word; 1 Peter 5:8,9 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. Our own lack of vigilance makes us prone to be prey. We are personally responsible to keep our light of hope shining and to not be overcome. I thank Betty Joan for a new prayer; "Help me Lord to get this leash back into Your hands!"

So, what answer are you to give should someone ask why you live in hope? Please know that a memorized speech or prepared oration will, most likely, come across as stilted or stale. Folks pick up on this quickly and will not really hear your spiel. They will probably just wish you would go away, even if they don't tell you so. The idea is not to put people to sleep but that they awaken to life and light.

I usually reply that I am a Jesus person and see where it goes from there. Meanwhile I am praying (not aloud) "Jesus, please help me here! Please open this person's eyes and ears and heart!" Those asking the question need to see the experience of Jesus in your life. Keep it simple! Make sure you LISTEN to what the person wants to say or ask. Allow them to speak! When you cultivate a history of spending time with God, the Holy Spirit will give you the wit to answer and the wisdom to listen. This is not about churchiness; it is about Jesus!

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

As I finish this continuing message, the chorus of the song, Saviour King by Hillsong runs through my heart as a prayer:

We love you Lord, we worship you
 You are our God, you alone are good
 Let now your church shine as the bride
 That you soar in your heart as you offered up your life
 Let now the lost be welcomed home
 By the saved and redeemed those adopted as your own
 Let now our hearts burn with a flame
 A fire consuming all for your Son's holy name
 And with the heavens we declare
 You are our king

Me: Hey God.

God: Hello.....

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I would rather not.

Me: Why?

God: Because you aren't a puzzle.

Me: What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

God: Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

God: No - you don't understand. You are breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

God: Only the very best pieces of you.

Me: I'm scared of changing.

God: I keep telling you - **YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE BECOMING!**

Me: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling to with such greed and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change! ... Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it.

Me: There goes another piece.

God: Yep. Let it be.

Me: So ... I'm not broken?

God: Of course Not! - but you are breaking like the dawn.

It's a new day. Become!!!

~Author Unknown
(Provided by Elaine Swinehart)





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Trustees	2	3 9:00 Art Class	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Trinity Sunday	8 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	9	10 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session	11	12 1:30 Deacons	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Flag Day	15	16	17 9:00 Art Class	18	19	20 Summer Begins
21 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Father's Day	22	23	24 9:00 Art Class	25	26	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship	29	30	NOTE: Most of these items will only happen if restrictions are lifted.			

FOOD BANK - Help us help students and families during the coronavirus outbreak...

Sliced Sandwich Bread, Pancake Mix/Syrup,
Sliced (Pre-wrapped) Cheese, Margarine/Butter,
Cake Mix/Icing, Saltine Crackers, Large Cans Tomato Sauce

With so many people currently unemployed, it is an especially hard time for the food bank. You can help by sending a check to Solanco Neighborhood Ministries, 355 Buck Rd, Quarryville, PA 17566. You are able to also drop food items off at the food bank drop off door at the building rear at (Herr Plaza) at 355 Buck Rd (372) on the west edge of Quarryville.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

June 7th

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8:1-9;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7;
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 21st

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21;
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28th

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13:1-6;
Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42



- 1 Sandra Reyburn
- 2 Milton Whiteside, Jr.
Susan Hastings
- 4 Jessica Jackson
- 6 Vicki Greenleaf
- 8 Sarah Kelley
Chase Carter Wade
- 10 Shirley Winters
Susan Shoemaker
- 11 Megan Adams
Sandy Hastings
Kelsie Stoner
- 13 Matt Croyle
- 14 Justin Harrington
- 16 Shawn Hastings
Tabatha Hastings
- 17 Andrew Carpenter
Mark Wrigley
Alan Joseph (AJ) Miller
- 18 Terry Slodki
- 21 Rev. John Ferguson
- 22 Louise Jackson
Kaila Farron
- 24 Jeff Foulk
Tristan Murray
- 27 Heather Mullins
- 28 Drew Supplee
Kristine Supplee
- 29 Richard Croyle



Eclectic Extravaganza

Yard Sale

September 4 and 5, 2020

REMINDER

Have you checked your "Lawn Sale Box" lately?

Is it accumulating "Goodies"?

Thank You,

Lawn Sale Gang



Dear Friends at Union,

Thank you for your faithful giving to our family and ministry in Mongolia! The Lord has provided for us for over 25 years ~ He is good! We have been in America for 4 months. During the lockdown all of our children have been with us, which has been wonderful. Our oldest, Hadassah, came home from Word of Life Bible Institute, FL a month ago to finish her semester at home. The lockdown is a strange thing, but it does remind us of our long, extreme winters in Mongolia. May we rest in our faithful, sovereign and good Father at this time and always! Hope to see you this summer, if the churches are open. ~Jason and Barb Henry



ORGAN MUSIC BY BOB TRIMBLE

To make you feel more like we are worshipping together at Union, our wonderful organist, Bob Trimble has again come in and recorded a medley of Hymns and familiar uplifting songs which you can listen to and feel like you are sitting in the pews at Union. To hear our organ playing, visit our website at www.unionpres.com and click on the banner of the congregation. Enjoy! (If you would like to listen to the Easter music again, there is a link further done the page under Bob's picture.)

We hope to have a recorded Patriotic Concert in July!



YOUR COMFORT WARM WEATHER REMINDER!

As summer approaches, please be aware that we have cut our energy use in half over the last couple years with programmable thermostats. This means that you may occasionally come into the building to find the comfort level not exactly to your liking. Help us and yourself by getting all of your events in the building onto the official church calendar. Just let Julie know the day, hours and exact rooms you will be using and we assure you they will be more comfortable.

Tithing

You are also able to continue tithing by mailing checks to:
Union Presbyterian Church
Attn: Judy B., Fin. Sec.
5637 Street Rd, Kirkwood, PA 17536.
Our bills continue, services or not.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for April: \$8,620 April Expenses: \$5,905

(Keep in mind a full-time pastor will add about \$6000 per month to exp.)

Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$250 Love offering for the Brendels: \$1,800

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