

# THE UNION PRESS

“To know Him and make Him known”

## 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY



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**Newsletter  
Submissions for  
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due April 23rd**

The last 10 or so years have certainly been momentous in Union Church's history. In 2016 we celebrated our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a chartered church. 2022 was the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the purchase of the property our church sits on for \$10. 2024 will be the 210<sup>th</sup> year since the original stone edifice was constructed for \$400 in what is now the parking lot across the road. 2019 was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of what is our current downstairs rooms and original sanctuary. (Cafe and adjacent rooms) In September of 2019 we were officially accepted into The Evangelical Presbyterian Church after 203 years as a member of The Presbyterian Church, USA and it's several predecessor names. After leaving PCUSA we were served for several years by many guest pastors. In 2022 Pastor Jeremy Peterson was installed as Unions 24th minister. Now in 2023/24 we have a new anniversary to celebrate!

The 1869 building (\$8800) served the congregation well and its number grew greatly. So much so that it was decided they needed more room. In 1897 it was decided an addition was needed. In 1898 construction was started on what is our current upstairs sanctuary at a cost of \$7500. The original downstairs was so substantially constructed that they were able to remove the roof and place a room nearly TWICE its size right on top. Remember, this was before the construction machinery we have today was available. Everything was hand labor. The front entrance and the bell tower were also added at that time. Most of the (still existing)

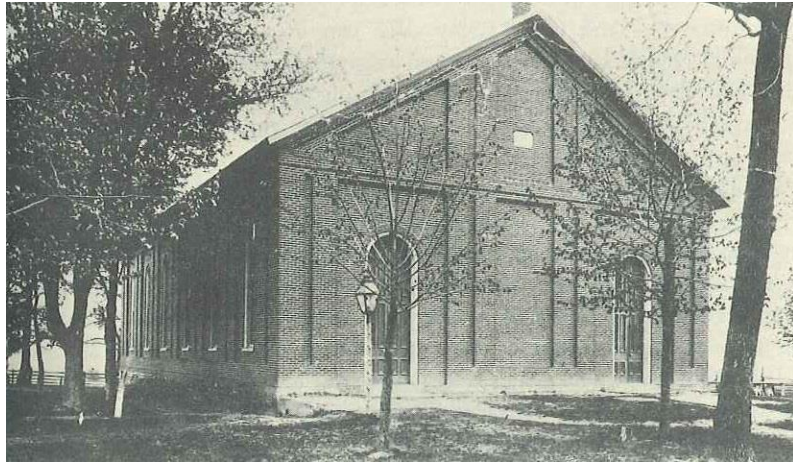
fancy oak railings and steps were constructed by the minister. Rev. Robert Kirk. The bell in the tower weighs 1900 pounds. The current one is the second one. The original was rung so hard and loudly on its trip from the Oxford train yard that it cracked and had to be replaced! The new stained-glass windows that so grandly set off our worship room were installed. The dedication of the new edifice was held August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1899. So, for the next year we celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction our current sanctuary.

Some interesting side notes: The original money raised to build the first building came up \$20 short because someone donated counterfeit money... The 2004 addition cost \$1.2 million, more than 70 times all the previous constructions combined... The Rose window in the rear was dedicated in memory of Professor Andrews of the Union Academy whose grandfather supplied the ground we now occupy. One of the last professors at Union Academy was Hugh Foresman who went to Chicago and founded Scott Foresman and Co. which would become the world's largest school book supplier. He later, in remembrance of his Union beginnings, was instrumental in the acquisition of our 90-year-old pipe organ... There is a 3-foot diameter tree stump in the crawl space beneath the church under the room we call the library which they apparently decided not to move in 1869! And of course, lest we forget, the village of Union is named after Union Church, not vice versa. It was originally called Colerain Village.

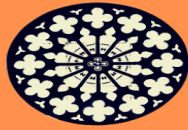
So, with all this history in mind, let's all join in a joyful celebration of 125 years of our sanctuary in 2023, holding great memories of its past and hopes going forward of more Christian ministry!!!

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**UNION**  
Presbyterian Church

**YOUTH  
BASKETBALL**



**FREE**

**YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**AGES 12-17**

**SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT**



Instruction in fundamental basketball skills

**TEAM  
BUILDING**



Team building with other players in the community.

**FAITH**



Clinic closes with a devotional and prayer.

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# Church women donate quilts

It's not your average church group.

Volunteers from Union Presbyterian Church are part of the fabric of the community.

The group met every Tuesday in February to work on finishing 17 quilts.

The final step is called "knotting" which keeps the three pieces of the quilt together.

Once the quilts are completed they will be donated to several community organizations, including New Hope, Solid Rock, Oaks (in Oxford), and the school district's Solanco Family Life Network.

Other volunteers work year round to put the squares together. Batting (the inside) and backing are put in over the winter, Arlene Hastings said.

The final touch is a specially embroidered message in a corner square that reads "Union Presbyterian Church" and "Jesus Loves You." "Everyone does a great job coming out to help," Hastings said.

Betty Druck said the knotting group is currently comprised of all Union congregants, but everyone is welcome to join and also invited to attend church services officiated by new minister Jeremy Peterson.



**Quilters Arlene Hastings (left) and Betty Druck show one of the quilts the group finished knotting during one of the weekly meetings at Union Presbyterian Church.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1:00-3:00pm Basketball Clinic
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Palm Sunday	3 7:00 Trustee Mtg	4	5 6:30 Mid-Week Growth Group	6 1:00 Deacon Mtg Maundy Thursday	7 7:00 Evening Service at Little Britain Good Friday	8
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Easter	10 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	11	12 6:30 Mid-Week Growth Group 7:00 Session Mtg	13	14	15
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	17	18	19 6:30 Mid-Week Growth Group	20	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	24	25	26 6:30 Mid-Week Growth Group	27	28	29
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship						



# FOOD BANK

Canned Chicken, Fruit Cups, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Tuna-cans, Spam, Canned Corn Beef, Canned Salmon, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Chef Boyardee Micro Meals, Green Beans-Cans, Corn-Cans, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Spaghetti, Spaghetti sauce/Cans or plastic jars, Applesauce cups, Pears/Peaches/Fruit Cocktail-unsweetened, Pudding cups

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;  
Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a;  
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34-43;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16:1-11;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23:1-6;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



3	<i>Kent Wade</i>
5	<i>Reenie Chase</i>
6	<i>Stanley Vasco</i>
8	<i>David Kelley</i>
11	<i>Brooke McCardell Daly</i> <i>Angela Slodki</i>
12	<i>Gregory Trimble</i>
17	<i>Keith Hastings</i>
18	<i>Bailey McCardell</i>
23	<i>Colleen Shoemaker</i>
25	<i>Arlene Hastings</i>
26	<i>Alexandria Wallace</i> <i>Frackman</i>
29	<i>William Noonan</i>
30	<i>Larry Sheaffer</i>

## APRIL GREETERS

2 – Larry & Colleen Sheaffer  
9 – Sandy Stewart & Judy Greenleaf  
16 – (Still Available)  
23 – (Still Available)  
30 – (Still Available)



## Good Friday Service

Little Britain invited us to join them for Good Friday services. We will be joining them, along with Middle Octorara, at Little Britain Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 7th at 7PM.

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### Order form for Easter Lilies

Those who would like to give Easter Lilies should complete this form and return it by Sunday, April 2nd.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies are \$8.00 each    Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Union Presbyterian Church. Attach your check to this form and mail both to:

Will pick up Sunday

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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Or you may give your check and order form to Judy Greenleaf.