

Unity Presbyterian Church

Yoke Newsletter ~ February 2018

Church Calendar:

<http://unitypresbyterian.net/page/calendar>

Prayer Concerns:

<http://unitypresbyterian.net/prayer.php>

Ultimately the many lessons and teaching coming from the Bible we understand the Bible rest on the pages of Love.

And so, we are not only recipients and, therefore, containers of love, but we are also its conduit.

Pastor Andrew sends his good wishes to our congregation. Several have, "Andrew Sit" this past month and see improvements. Some excellent news the blood on his brain has now been absorbed. Let all of us be a conduit for love and help bring healing to our Pastor. Continue prayers, please.

If you would like to send a card of celebration their address is:
Rev. Andrew Black, 2204 Washington Ave, Terre Haute IN 47802

Pulpit supply for February

Feb. 4 - Holy Communion - Rev. Scott Paul-Bonham

Feb. 11 - Dr. Roland Kohr

Feb. 18 - Stephen Mead

Feb. 25 - Rev. Alan Finnan

YOUR PLEDGES ARE NEEDED!

With budget time upon us, your pledges are needed. So far, we have 25 pledges totaling \$90,112.00. Last year we had 30 pledges totaling \$101,588.00. There are pledge sheets on the entry table, if you planned to pledge but have not done it, please either use one of the pledge sheets or call Jan Buffington (812-236-2367) to give her a verbal pledge.

**UNITY'S ANNUAL FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 13
5:30 TO 7 PM**

MENU: Pancakes, butter, syrup, sausage, bacon, iced tea, coffee and juice.

Before Lent begins, pancake flippers, Sadie, Albert and Jan, invite you to enjoy their delicious pancakes.

A free will donation will be accepted to cover expenses (any donations over expenses will go to the Potts Pantry).



2018 Per Capita

Per capita is assessed to each congregation at the beginning of the year based on the membership of the congregation. Unity has already paid its assessment to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for 2018. The assessment is over \$3,000 and is one of our largest expenses for the year. It is very helpful to the church if each person can pay the \$36 per capita. Please prayerfully consider this request as another way that you can support our congregation.

The importance of per capita funding is explained by this information from the Presbytery of Ohio Valley website.

The per capita for 2018 is \$36.00. Per capita supports constitutionally mandated structures and committee expenses of:

\$24.46 - Presbytery
\$ 3.81 - Synod
\$ 7.73 - General Assembly

Why is per capita important?

Per capita brings Presbyterians together — literally!

Presbyterians are connected in many ways, including our church government. We believe we discern best what God is calling us to do when we gather as mid councils, “seek[ing] together to find and represent the will of Christ” (Book of Order F-3.0204). Per capita dollars pay for the costs of holding a General Assembly — including paying for the travel, room and board of commissioners and advisory delegates, several of whom would not be able to afford these expenses on their own.

Per capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do.

Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. By providing the primary means through which commissioners and advisory delegates can gather to do their work, per capita dollars help to undergird our governance system.

Our Constitution provides a moral and theological compass that builds community and calls us to Christian faithfulness in gratitude to God.

Per capita makes possible our effort for visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ.

The PC(USA), as with other faith traditions and denominations, is but a small part of the one church of Jesus Christ. We affirm that God’s call is for the church to be one.

Per capita makes it possible for us to maintain our historical awareness.

Our historical heritage helps us make informed decisions for the future. The Presbyterian Historical Society is our national archives and historical research center. It collects, preserves, and shares the history of the American Presbyterian and Reformed tradition.

**"Is it a difference that makes a difference?"
God's Diverse World
"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of God."**



**2018 LENTEN SERIES
at Central Presbyterian Church
125 N 7th Street Terre Haute, IN**

**Sunday evenings – February 18, February 25,
March 4, March 11, March 18
5:00 – 5:45 pm Supper Served
(vegetarian and gluten free items available)**

**5:45 pm Worship
6:00 – 7:30 pm Classes**

ADULTS

**"Come and See... "
information on back**

YOUTH

Relationships with Others

CHILDREN

ages 4 years – 5th grade

"We're Different; We're the Same"

Childcare for children age 3 and younger

**Lenten Series Adult Class information
Come and see...**

A series of workshops to enhance one's ability to see through difference.

Week 1: Differences in how we communicate February 18

Week 2: Differences in how we interact with each other February 25

Week 3: Differences in culture March 4

Week 4: Differences in attitudes, beliefs and values March 11

Each workshop includes activities that are both fun and informative. They are interactive and informal. They are designed to enhance awareness of several specific types of difference. The underlying premise is that when good folks become aware of a difference, they are more likely to see beyond the difference and to respond in an inclusive and welcoming way. Because the workshops build on each other, you will get the most benefit by attending them all. Nevertheless, you are welcome to come to as many as you can.

**Week 5: Encountering a different culture
Presentation by Soulaf Abas**

March 18

Soulaf Abas, (Souly) is an Assistant Professor of Art at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, She was born and raised in Damascus, Syria. Her family is still in Damascus. Souly has shown her work nationally and internationally, and traveled to many countries in the Middle East and Europe to participate in artist residencies and exhibitions. Souly is the author of "Me and You" a book of pictures and letters created by children in art therapy classes at Ryves Hall and at a Syrian refugee camp. All proceeds from sales of the book fund blankets, food, school supplies and tuition for Syrian children to return to school. She will speak to us about her project "Seen for Syria" which took place in some of the refugee camps in Jordan.

Workshops facilitated by Luanne Tilstra

You know Luanne as an active member of Central and a Professor of Chemistry at Rose-Hulman. She spent four years as the Director of the Center for Diversity at Rose-Hulman. In that role, she attended courses every summer to acquire skills useful for enhancing a climate of inclusivity on a college campus. These workshops are based on sessions created for RHIT, and have been modified for members and guests of Central.

The Staff appreciated the generous gift of kindness given from your heart for Christmas. Thank you from Andrew, Amie, Andrea Leonora, and Bess

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GARDEN PLOTS IN THE 'COMMUNITY GARDEN'

**Please contact the church office or Dawn Chapman
Come, grow a few of your own vegetables this summer
just remember we are a green church, no chemicals.**

It is time to think about reserving a Garden Plot. When you use one of our garden plots, we supply the water and ask you to give 10% to the food pantry families. Vern & I have been cleaning up the bird sanctuary. It is open now with just a small amount needing done. Also, a goal to have the outdoor sanctuary 'opened up'. This will be so optional services/events can happen in the shade. Thanks Dawn.

Blanket Sunday

We are extending our date for collecting thru the end of February. Please bring new or gently used pillows, blankets and sheets

You can bring them anytime between now and the dedication Sunday which will be February 25. We will take the items collected to the Lighthouse Mission

Morning Glories

The Morning Glories will meet February 13, at 10:30 am at the church. We are studying Hebrews (Lesson Six). Bring a sack lunch and join us for Bible Study and fellowship.

Greeting Cards - We are no longer collecting greeting card fronts. The Ranch no longer needs them. Thanks for your support.

VIEW FROM THE INSIDE BY CAMILLE CHURCH MOUSE



Our weather has gone haywire. It's up, it's down, and everything in between. I had the sniffles for a while but I'm alright now. This Sunday is Souper Bowl Sunday. YUM! That is always a great time for food and fellowship.

We will entertain the Good Cheer Club again February 28. Volunteers are needed to help serve, plus cookies are needed

The Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday are coming. The choir is working on the cantata for Easter.

Spring is coming :).

Watch your bulletin and newsletter to see what is coming. Be safe and remember God loves you. God's blessings and joy to all of you! Peace and love!

Green Corner

Spring is hopefully right around the corner and with spring comes spring cleaning. Cleaning isn't one of my favorite ways to spend my time but the results are worth it!!! If you are going to spend time cleaning this spring, or any time, here are some green alternatives from the website Green Living Ideas to products that are full of chemicals. I started using some of these at our house because of our animals who like to "help" me while cleaning. I didn't want to be using products that could hurt them. Any reason is a good reason to use products that protect our earth.

Happy Green Cleaning!!!!

Common Natural Cleaners

Combined in various ways, these common household items work just as well as the most expensive and noxious cleaners on the market — and these natural cleaners don't leave your living space smelling like a freshly sanitized hospital.

Baking Soda<http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=im-gli-20&l=as2&o=1&a=B0005ZXPY8> – The cleaning powers of baking soda reach far beyond its role as a natural fridge deodorizer...

Baking soda works as a non-abrasive scouring cleaner on countertops and ovens, and in bathtubs and sinks. It also rids clothes of perspiration odors when used in conjunction with laundry detergent in the washer.

The next time you do laundry, try adding 1/2 cup to a cup to your load. Before you vacuum, sprinkle it on your carpet as a deodorizer.

Super Washing Soda<http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=im-gli-20&l=as2&o=1&a=B0029XNTEU> – Also known as sodium carbonate, washing soda is a caustic cleaner that is far safer than other solvents. Wearing gloves when you use it, however, is still recommended.

Washing soda is great at cutting grease, getting wax or lipstick out of clothing, and neutralizing odors.

Lemon Juice – The acid in lemon juice neutralizes hard water deposits, dissolves buildup and dirt on wood, and tarnish on silver.

White Vinegar<http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=im-gli-20&l=as2&o=1&a=B00469SBS4> – can be used in place of lemon juice. The infamous strong smell dissipates as the vinegar dries.

Antifungals/Disinfectants – Grapefruit seed extract and essential oils such as lavender, clove, and tea tree oil have antiseptic properties and operate as natural fungicides.

To keep mold at bay, add 1 or 2 teaspoons of essential oil to 2 cups of water in a spray bottle, or 20 drops of grapefruit seed extract to 1 quart of water.