

# Unity Presbyterian Church

## Yoke Newsletter ~ January 2018

### Church Calendar:

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

### Prayer Concerns:

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

**GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS, DAWN JUST CALLED TO SAY ANDREW IS COMING HOME TODAY. HALLELUJAH! Prayers answered!!**

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

### **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.**

### **The Mitten Tree**

**Thanks to everyone for the contributions to the Mitten Tree. We collected 57 gloves, one scarf, 17 hats and 2 head wraps. The items will go to the 14th and Chestnut Center to help the children that attend. They will be put to good use with the cold weather we have been experiencing. This is just one of the ways we show God's love to our community.**

### **Blanket Sunday**

**We will collect blankets, sheets, pillows and mattress pads. Please bring slightly used or new items. You can bring them anytime between now and the dedication Sunday which will be January 28, 2018. We will take the items collected to the Lighthouse Mission**

## Morning Glories

The Morning Glories will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30 am. We will be studying Hebrews with Lesson Six. Please bring a sack lunch and join us for Bible Study and fellowship.



**Greeting Cards:** Save the front of your greeting cards as a mission/recycling project. There is a box in the back of the church where you can leave your cards.

### VIEW FROM THE INSIDE BY CAMILLE CHURCH MOUSE



I told you that we would pay for the great weather we had earlier! Has it been cold enough for you? Since it's only January I'm sure there is more to come!

Christmas has come and gone. The church is undecorated and it's a new year.

January will be a quiet month. February will be busier and winter will pass. Watch your bulletin and newsletter to see what is to come.

Best wishes and hugs to Pastor Andrew and his family. I was so glad to hear that he is out of the ICU and on the way to recovery. We will be so glad to see him back! God's blessings and joy to everyone! Peace and love.

Several months ago Beulah Morphew sent a card to Unity with some excellent advice:

**Advice from a PENGUIN**

**Dive into life  
Find warmth among friends  
Appreciate snow days  
Take long walks  
Stand together  
Go the extra mile  
Keep your cool!**

Happy belated 98th birthday on December 31. Thank you, Beulah, sending you prayers for good health.

## Green Corner

The following tips are from the US EPA to help us cope with this winter weather in a green way. It has been hard to deal with the extreme cold we have experienced in the last month. These tips will help us to deal with the low temperatures that are still ahead. Hopefully we will be looking at warmer weather soon.

Consider using non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals. Chemical de-icers can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs, and the environment. Antifreeze that leak from car engines and chemical snow melters on driveways, roads, and runways can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.

Winterize your vehicle by checking your air filter and fluid levels, checking tires for tread wear and proper inflation, and checking the condition of your windshield wipers. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for weather changes will reduce damage, which prevents waste from broken parts, and will keep you safe on the road.

If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden. Use electric snow removal products rather than gasoline-powered ones. While electric products consume energy, they do not emit greenhouse gases. As alternatives, use snow shovels, ice crackers, and brooms to clear snow from your sidewalk, porch, or driveway.

If you have a manual thermostat or no thermostat at all, one way to save energy and money this winter is to install a programmable thermostat. When installed and used with the four pre-programmed temperature settings for weekend and weekdays, you can save about \$100 each year while staying comfortable. Before leaving for vacation, turn down your thermostat (or use a programmable one) so that you don't waste natural resources by generating unneeded heat. You can also buy outdoor and indoor lights with timers so that lights don't stay on all night.

Close the recycling loop. Many articles of clothing, such as jackets, scarves, gloves, and boots, are now made from recycled materials. Most fleece products are made from recycled plastic soda bottles, and certain clothing and shoe manufacturers use recycled cotton scraps and rubber tires to make their products.

Winter storms often cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries rather than disposable ones stored throughout your house with your flashlights. If you do use disposable batteries, prevent hazardous waste by buying batteries with low mercury content.

Recycle old newspapers by making rolled paper logs for your fireplace. Roll newspaper sheets around a broom stick until your log is the desired size, then soak your log thoroughly in water. Dry the log overnight and use like ordinary wood. Always follow proper safety precautions when burning anything around your home.

**To make sure your heating system (boiler, furnace or heat pump) is operating at its most efficient, it is a good idea to have a contractor perform a routine check-up and any necessary maintenance on the equipment before freezing weather drives up your energy bill.**

**If your heating equipment more than ten years old, it may be time for a replacement to a more energy-efficient unit. While initially an expensive investment, replacing old equipment with ENERGY STAR qualified equipment saves more energy and money in the long run.**