

Welcome!

Come Join the Circle and Draw the Circle Wide!

Union Church

is a progressive Christian inter-denominational community serving God since 1853. Worship, Education and service are our roots and they continue to be the guiding blocks that sustain our mission to build a community seeking and serving God's love for all...NO exceptions!

The Church of Christ, Union, receives all followers of Christ and works with all who work with Him; respecting each one's conscience; working by love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Union Church Principles

All are invited. Visitors are encouraged to attend. **Trained child-care is provided for all events upon request.** Please see the church newsletter, Consider, or call the church office (986-3725) for further information and other events to be announced.

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The season of **L**ent is 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays), and offers an opportunity for doing things in a different way. At Union Church it is an opportunity to engage in a time of study and reflection preparing ourselves for the wondrous Easter morning when we

break from our tomb to celebrate the Risen Christ. A Lenten commitment is to enter a time to intentionally explore what it means to be on the Wilderness Road, participating in activities which enhance one's faith journey.

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

CLASSES for all ages begin at 9:30 am

- **Infants to age 3**  
*Child Care in Durham Nursery*
- **Sunday School Preschool -6<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 104**  
**Study Unit: *Tables of Blessing- The Passover and Holy Communion***
- **Adult Book Discussion Group- Dialogue Rm Check for Title.**  
Led by Steve Connelly
- **Lenten Adult Study- Rm 204 Begins March 8th**  
*The Seven Last Words from the Cross*, based on Fleming Rutledge's work as a means for informing our own faith journey as individuals and church community.  
Led by Intern Associate Pastor Mark Pettis
- **Wayside Room-- A Place to Rest and Relax**  
(Tavern side of Sanctuary Hallway)  
*"God also grants holy rest...."*  
*Just need some space? Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/ hot cider or juice)*

WORSHIP/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH at 10:30 a

### SUNDAYS AT NOON

- **Middle School/ High School Sunday School/Confirmation Study Room 301 following Lenten Lunches.**
- **Other Events TBA**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

*Child Care provided in Durham Nursery*

**5:00 p Middle School Youth Group-** Rm 302

**5:45 p Supper** in the Community Room (Donation) & **Occasional Programs**TBA.

**6:15p -6:45 p**

- **Senior High Youth Group-Rm 301**

- **Grades 1-4 Children's Activities – Rm 101/104**

*Have fun doing mission projects, playing games and other activities.* Led by CE Board

- **6:15p - College/Young Adult Group Meet in Dialogue Room** to discover, explore and engage issues we face in the world today and their relevance to our faith journey.  
Led by Mark Pettis

- **6:30p - Adult Study Group 1**  
(except 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

*The Gospel of Luke* will continue its study and concludes on Mar 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for about one and one half hours. Meeting room TBA

Led by Bob Berger

- **6:45 p- Adult Study Group 2**

*Experiencing the Heart of Christianity*, an Adult Confirmation Class

Led by Pastor Kent Gilbert

- **6:45 p - Bell Choir** in the **Choir Room** ( Rm 304 )

**Third WEDNESDAYS- 6:15p (following Wednesday Night Live! Supper)**

**Renewal** (Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement)

These sessions sponsored by the Sustainability Work Group will offer video clips and conversation

### OTHER ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Thursday Bible Study-** Noon in Conference Rm

*An opportunity to discuss the Biblical texts for the coming Sunday sermon.* Led by Pastor Kent

**Memory Keepers- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues**  
7 p in Wayside Room

*A support group for family members, caregivers, and friends of those with memory loss diseases who may take comfort in being with others who understand what they are going through*

## **OTHER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

• **Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>—Middle School**  
Youth movie and game night @ Union Church youth room! 6p-10p

• **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>-Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>—Youth Retreat.** Details to be announced

• **Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>—Senior High Youth** game and movie night @ Union Church youth room! 6p-12p

• **Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>—Youth** preparing Lenten Lunch!

Contact Jennifer Durham for more information 859-582-3676  
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## **OTHER EVENTS, TIMES AND PLACES**

**Wednesday, March 11** Community Room  
Wed Night Live Community Potluck at 5:45p followed by Speak for Peace Tour: *US Veterans and Iraqis Creating a Way Forward*. Presentations by Iraqi and Iraq War Veterans will offer stories and talk about ways we can work toward a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi conflict

**Sunday Lenten Lunches-** March 1 thru April 5 in Community Room following worship. Cost of lunches is \$5/adults and \$3 for children with a maximum cost per family unit of \$20. Money to go to General Budget

• **March 1-** Emergency Preparedness for Chronically Ill and their care-givers follows-Rm 204

• **March 15- St. Patrick's Day Lunch** and Fun! Money to go to Angel Fund

## **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES**

• **Taize Worship Service- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of month in Cowan Chapel- Spoken and sung prayers invite a quiet reflective time.

• **Ash Wednesday,** February 25- 6:30p

## **HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

• **Palm Sunday, April 5**  
9:30a- Easter Story for Kids-Cowan Chapel  
10:30a- Worship in Sanctuary

• **Apr 8 Passover Seder Meal,** 5:45p

• **Maundy Thursday, April 9**  
6:45p- Location TBA

Come to share a time when we remember and reflect on the evening of the Last Supper followed by Foot/ Hand Washing, recalling Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and inviting us to receive the gift of humility and service

• **Good Friday, April 10**  
12:15p – 1:00p at Union Church  
Sponsored by Berea Ministerial Assn.

## **EASTER SUNDAY, April 12** **Alleluia!**

• **Sunrise Service** at Cemetery  
(Sponsored by Berea Ministerial Assn)

• **9:45a Easter Egg Hunt**

Meet in Community Room, followed by Egg Hunt on the lawn, weather permitting, or inside building if not

• **10:30a Worship** in Sanctuary

**SAVE THE DATE- APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>- 7 pm**

**FUND RAISER for UNION CHURCH –  
CONCERT by ACOUSTIC EIDELON  
Great Music!**

## **LENT TO EASTER AT**

**UNION CHURCH  
2009**

## **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM THE WILDERNESS WAY**

**Opportunities for Worship,  
Education & Service for All  
Ages**



***We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are travelers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Go the mile and bear the load.***

Richard Billard, *Servant Song*, p 539, NCH Hymnal

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