

This Week at Union Church

Sun. Jan. 17	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship 4:00 pm ShapeNote Singers
Mon. Jan. 18	Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 11:30 am Service commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, sanctuary 7:00 pm General Committee, Conference Room 7:00 pm AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. Jan. 19	CONSIDER DEADLINE 8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 11:00 am-5:00 pm Bloodmobile, Community Room 7:00 pm Memory Keepers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds. Jan. 20	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel style="text-align: center;"> Wednesday Nite Live 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group 5:45pm Supper, donation, Community Room 6:15 pm High School Youth Group 6:30 pm College Fellowship, Community Rm, activities for elementary age kids in 104 6:30 pm Small Group Training Experience meeting, Wayside Room 7:00 pm Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
Thurs. Jan. 21	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 10:30 am Mothers Forum 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Union Church Choir, Choir Room, 3rd floor
Fri. Jan. 22	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 pm Woman's Industrial
Sat. Jan. 23	8:00 am Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. Jan. 24	9:30 am Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am Morning Worship

Especially in our prayers ...

Each week we join millions of Christians who pray for one another through the ecumenical prayer cycle and, locally, the Berea Ministerial Association's prayer cycle. Please keep the people **Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia** and our brothers and sisters at the **First Baptist Church at Middletown**, in your hearts, and pray for them. Please also hold these concerns in your prayers today and throughout the week. (Prayer concerns can be submitted to the church office via phone or email).

- ◆ All who are serving or living in harm's way across the world, especially those suffering in the violence in the Middle East. We pray for the day when war shall be no more.
- ◆ Those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti
- ◆ The brother of Stephanie Clark, **Frank Williams**, who is the director of World Vision Haiti, and his family, who survived the earthquake and anticipate difficult work in the weeks and month ahead.
- ◆ Judy Rowell's host daughter, **Christelle Louis** and her husband, **Marc**. Marc was in Haiti at the time of the earthquake and Christelle has not had word from him, his family or her family.
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**

- ◆ **Nancy Jones**, at home. She would welcome visitors and phone calls—986-3406.
- ◆ **Shirley Dean**, who has been re-admitted to Pattie A. Clay
- ◆ A friend of the Robertson family, **Judy Clark**, suffering with lung cancer
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center
- ◆ **Dale Barlow**, family and friends, at the first anniversary of Thelma's death today

Assisting in Worship

Worship leader this morning is Laurinda Pool. Next week: Stephanie Woodie

Announcements

Daily Meditation Sessions in Cowan Chapel... Starting Monday at 8:00 am, and continuing daily in Cowan Chapel, Tom Frazier will lead any who wish to come in meditation for about a half hour to begin the day centering the spirit. Come one day or every day, all are welcome. Enter the building from the ramp door off the parking lot, make a left, continue through the hall past the office and down the stairs. Cowan Chapel is on the right, the door is marked. If you would like to call Tom, his number is 228-0030.

Haitian Earthquake Relief: People of every faith in every nation are uniting to address the tremendous devastation in Haiti. At this time, the best donation is money to support the transport and distribution of food and equipment. There is no system in place in Haiti for accepting donations of items. You can put your prayers into action by donating in these ways:

- ◆ Write a check to Union Church with "Haitian relief" in the memo line and place in an offering plate. Your contribution will be added to the \$1000 the Mission Board has allocated to Church World Service.
- ◆ Mail your donation marked "Haiti Relief" to Church World Service, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 700, New York, NY or to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC, 20013.
- ◆ Log onto www.churchworldservice.org, www.worldvision.org, or www.redcross.org and donate online. Online donation saves money because it is faster and less expensive than processing paper checks.
- ◆ Text the word "Haiti" to 90999 to donate \$10 to the Red Cross or give \$5 to the United Way by texting "Haiti" to 864833.

It's not too late to join the new Sunday Class for Adults—9:30am, Rm 204!

Goals are:

- ◆ a **more meaningful bond** with church family members,
- ◆ a **deeper relationship** with God, and
- ◆ a **better understanding** of the Bible.

Seeking a few others who have similar goals and may experience similar difficulty in meeting these goals because of the busy-ness of their lives or just because they don't know where to start. Male or female, youngish or oldish, married or single, blessed and overwhelmed by small children or child-free, Sunday school class member from way back or unfamiliar with church traditions — all are welcome.

We will study the Bible with help from a book by Bob Darden called Reluctant Prophets and Clueless Disciples: Introducing the Bible By Telling Its Stories. If interested in participating in and helping create a stress-free, user-friendly, enriching adult Sunday School experience, please meet me, Alvera Perman, in Union Church's room 204 by the church office at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

A New Year, A New Directory in the works—the plan is that we will reuse the photos from the last directory BUT if you want to change your photo, you can email it (maybe your Facebook photo?) or bring it to the office. If you haven't had a photo taken for a directory yet, either submit one or call the office and we'll arrange to have one taken. Any corrections to your contact info would be appreciated as well.

Rev. Kent to Attend the Earl Lectures, Jan 25-Feb 2. Rev. Kent will use one of his Continuing Education weeks to attend the Earl Lectures in Berkeley, CA. The topic this year will be exploring the needs of those who label themselves “Spiritual, but not Religious.” A variety of speakers and workshops are offered, as well as the opportunity to network with colleagues. For more information on the conference, visit www.psr.edu and click on the Earl Lecture links.

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) seeking donations... SIFE is an international non-profit organization that works with leaders in business and higher education to mobilize university students to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders. The Berea College SIFE group is seeking donations of items to sell as a fundraiser: clothes, paintings, jewelry, etc. If you have questions, see Florence, our Children’s Church director, or email her at Florence_Anyabuonwu@berea.edu. Bring items to Room 101.