

This Week at Union Church

Sun. Jan. 31	9:30 am..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am..... Morning Worship
Mon. Feb. 1	8:00 am..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm..... AA Bottom Line Big Book Study, Dialog Center
Tues. Feb. 2	8:00 am..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 7:00 pm..... Mission Board, Dialog Center 7:00 pm..... Boy Scouts
Weds. Feb. 3	8:00 am..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 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 6:30 pm..... Bible Study on the Book of Romans, 204 7:00 pm..... Union Church Ringers, Choir Room, 3rd floor
Thurs. Feb. 4	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. Feb. 5	8:00 am..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel 9:00 pm..... Woman's Industrial
Sat. Feb. 6	8:00 am..... Meditation in Cowan Chapel
Sun. Feb. 7	9:30 am..... Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am..... Morning Worship 2:00 pm..... Baby shower for Elizabeth Spencer, Comm. Room

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 **Ireland and the United Kingdom** and our brothers and sisters at the **Liberty Avenue Full Gospel Outreach**, 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
- ◆ **Les Kovacs** and his family as his dementia worsens
- ◆ **Earl and Aldine Irvin**
- ◆ **Dorie Hubbard's mother**, undergoing treatment for cancer
- ◆ **John Courter**
- ◆ A friend of the Robertson family, **Judy Clark**, suffering with lung cancer
- ◆ **Martha Pride**, at Berea Health Care Center

Assisting in Worship

Today Kevin Burke brings us The Word. Kevin is retired from the United States Navy and a graduate of the State University of New York. He is trained as a Licensed Minister in the United Church of Christ and has served as Interim Pastor in several churches of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Worship leader this morning is Tom Manning-Beavin Next week: SaraKatherine Manning-Beavin

Announcements

Daily Meditation Sessions 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.

NEW Class begins Feb. 3 “Romans” has been referred to as “The Gospel According to Paul.” It was the last letter Paul wrote to a Christian community, and was surely his best written achievement. We will commence a Bible Study of Paul’s epistle to the Romans at Wednesday Nite Live, February 3. The class will meet in Room 204 at 6:30 pm (plenty of time to enjoy the Wednesday Nite Live supper at 5:45 pm)! All are welcome, regardless of one’s knowledge of the Bible (after all, we are here to learn). Any questions, call and talk to Bob Berger, 986-7507.

The church family is invited to a baby shower for Elizabeth Spencer to celebrate the arrival of Rory William Spencer, born January 21. The gathering will be in the Community Room at 2:00 pm next Sunday, Feb. 7.

New year, 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 come by the office and I’ll take one with my phone. Any corrections to your contact info would be appreciated as well.—Joan English

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) 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., **by Feb. 8**. If you have questions, see Florence, our Children’s Church director, or email her at Florence_Anyabuonwu@bereda.edu. Bring items to Room 101.

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.

FOOD BANK Sunday!!! FOOD BANK Sunday!!! Next Sunday, being the first Sunday February, is a Union Church FOOD BANK Sunday!!! Our tradition at Union Church for many years has been to bring food contributions for the Berea Food Bank, and contributions to BFCO to church on the first Sunday of each month. The Food Bank is being used very heavily this year, and food supplies are low. As always, all contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated! Special needs identified by Food Bank director Jerry Workman include: pancake mix; corn meal mix; rolled oats or oatmeal; fruit juices; canned fruit of all kinds; jellies and jams; tuna, salmon, and canned meat of all kinds; cooking oil (small and medium sizes); and pasta. Please bring your contributions next Sunday (or before) to collection box in the vestibule or deliver them directly to the Food Bank and BUURR building (103 Parkway Avenue, just across from the City Hall parking lot) clearly marked “from Union Church.” Over-and-above financial contributions can be made by writing “BFCO” on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your continuing support of this important community program, one of three administered by the ecumenical group, Berea Faith Community Outreach (BFCO).

KFTC's "I Love Mountains Day" Thursday, February 11th, State Capitol, Frankfort. More than 1,400 miles of streams have been buried or significantly damaged by valley fills from mountaintop removal and other mining practices. Join hundreds of other Kentuckians from across the state – including country musician Kathy Mattea – to march, rally, and lobby in support of the “the Stream Saver Bill” to prevent the dumping of toxic mine waste into Kentucky streams. Join us, bring friends, and wear red! We’re putting out a special call for young Kentuckians to join us! Parents, please bring your children and grandchildren. Young people, be sure to bring your parents and grandparents!

- ◆ 10:30 a.m.: Gather at the Kentucky River below the bridge at Capital Ave.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m.: March to the Capitol (Flat route is .6 miles.)
- ◆ 12:20 p.m.: Rally and music on the Capitol Steps
- ◆ 1:30 to 2 p.m.: Meet with your legislators.

Learn more, get directions, and RSVP at www.KFTC.org/love or call Berea’s KFTC office at 986-1277.