

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

“Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God”. Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)

Jesus says in Matthew 5:9 that people who have become sons of God have the character of their Heavenly Father. We know from Scripture that the heavenly Father is a “God of peace” (Romans 16:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20), that heaven is a world of peace (Luke 19:38), and most important of all, that God is a peacemaker (2 Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 1:20).

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19). “He made peace by the blood of the cross” (Colossians 1:20). Even though by nature we are rebels against God, have committed high treason against him, and are worthy to be eternally court-marshaled and hung by the neck until dead, nevertheless, God has sacrificed his own Son and now declares amnesty free and clear to any who will lay down their arms of independence and come home to faith.

God is a peace-loving God, and a peace-making God. The whole history of redemption, climaxing in the death and resurrection of Jesus, is God’s strategy to bring about a just and lasting peace between rebel man and himself, and then between man and his fellow man. God’s children have the character of their Father. What he loves, they love. What he pursues, they pursue. **You can know his children by whether they are willing to make sacrifices for peace the way God did.**

By the sovereign work of God’s grace, rebel human beings are born again, and brought from rebellion to faith, and made into children of God. We were given a new nature, after the image of our heavenly Father (1 John 3:9). **If He is a peacemaker, then His children, who have His nature, will be peacemakers too.** In Jesus Name Amen.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/blessed-are-the-peacemakers>

“Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!”

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Worship Services and Christian Education

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Worship service on Spectrum Cable TV (Channels 8 and 979) and on Cincinnati Bell Fioptics TV (Channel 850).

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. - Live-Stream Worship Celebration Service on YouTube.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. - Weekly “Call-Em-All” devotional message from Pastor Yates.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Facebook Live Bible Study: “**Word Wednesday**” led by Pastor Yates on the business page of UBC Facebook.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. - UBC Radio Broadcast (WCVG 1320).

Union Baptist Cincinnati Children’s Ministry Facebook has the latest lessons for children. Please contact Rev. Emanuel Marshall at 513-678-5493 to enroll your child / children.

Union Baptist Youth Facebook has the latest lessons and information for teens. Please contact Rev. Alvin Wyatt at 513-328-3981 to enroll your teen.

FAMILY COMMUNION CUP DISTRIBUTION

The Deaconess and Ministers’ Wives Ministry under the leadership of Sis. Donetta Johnson, Ministry Leader and Sis.



Lynette Darby, Assistant Ministry Leader will hold a drive-through distribution of communion cups in the church parking lot on **November 28, 2020 between 9 am and 12 pm**. All are encouraged to pick up as many communion cups as needed to share with your family.

Annual Family Holy Communion will be held during the Live-Stream Worship Celebration on **Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.**

SPECIAL GREETING

From Pastor and Sis. Yates and Family to all of the Union Baptist Church Family:

God Bless You in this Season of Advent!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO EVERYONE BORN IN THE MONTHS OF
DECEMBER AND JANUARY!**

REPORTING ILLNESSES, SURGERIES AND BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION: Please contact the church office if you or a loved one is sick or entering the hospital so that your Family Ward Deacon and Pastor may be notified. Please also contact the office if you or a loved one is being released from the hospital or if there is bereavement in your family. The phone number is (513) 381-3858. ~~ Church Office Staff

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: Please continue to keep in prayer our UBC members in nursing homes, assisted living villages and UBC members who are home-bound.

Please also continue to keep in prayer all of our bereaved families of Union!



PRAYER BAND MINISTRY: Our prayer partners stand ready to pray with you and for you. **You are invited to join us for prayer and meditation on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Set your alarms and start your day off the right way! The Prayer Line is (515) 604-9520 – Code 356781.** ~~Prayer Band Ministry

UBC WEBSITE - GIVING: There are two methods of giving on the website: *Tithely and Givelify*. **Please visit the website and click on the “Give” tab for more information and check out the video.** Thank you.

THE UNION FOUNDATION IS BLESSED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT: Union Baptist Cemetery, the oldest Black-owned Cemetery in Ohio, is the recipient of a \$400,000.00 grant that is funded through the African American Civil Rights of the 20th Century Grant Program and the Historic Preservation Fund. The grant will be administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

The awarded grant is for preservation and stabilization planning services for structures and objects within the cemetery. It will be used specifically for the restoration of the exterior of the almost 70-year old cemetery building, repair of monuments and headstones, and restoration of fencing.

For more information, please contact the Union Foundation, 405 W. Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203, (513) 852-1639 or visit the website www.theunionfoundation.org

TURKEY BASKET GIVE-AWAY: The Food Pantry was blessed on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 to provide 100 Thanksgiving turkey baskets to families of all races from the Metropolitan area. To God be the Glory!

CHURCH OFFICE STAFF AND HOURS: Sis. Amber (“AJ”) Baldwin, the new Administrative Assistant Specialist is available Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: December 24, 2020 - January 5, 2021.



A VIRTUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION EVENT WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2021. Due to the pandemic and health concerns, the event will be **virtual**. The theme is “Justice Moving Forward”. **Pastor Yates placed an ad in the Digital Program from Union Baptist Church. More information will be forthcoming.** Please contact Sis. Portia Fuller for additional information.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The History of Family Communion at Union Baptist Church

The Family Communion was instituted with the worship celebration service of Union by the sixteenth Pastor, the Reverend Wilber A. Page. The first celebration was observed on the first Sunday evening, December 4, 1932 at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose for instituting Family Communion was to have each family together on the last Lord's Supper Observance of the year. The Union Baptist Church Membership was not concerned as to whether all the families were members of this church. Their mission was to invite members of their families from other surrounding churches to partake in the Lord's Supper together.

The Union Baptist Church family recognized that the Lord's Supper was not instituted by any one denomination, but that it was to be observed by all Christians.

All Believers in Christ, members of the visible church are obligated to partake of it. It represents His body broken for many; His blood shed for many. He commanded Christians to "Do this in remembrance of me." (*I Corinthians 11:17-34*).

This Observance of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) has always represented Christian unity in the body of Christ. These Eighty-eight years have brought to us a blessed and lasting fellowship.

Union Baptist Church is committed to this wonderful historic tradition, magnifying our obedience to this Ordinance given by our Lord to be observed as often as possible *until He comes for His church in the Rapture.* (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*). AMEN.

VIRTUAL RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS ON DECEMBER 13, 2020: A Wedding Vow Renewal will occur during the Live-Stream Worship Celebration Service at 10:45 a.m. Any couple at Union Baptist who want to participate in the virtual ceremony to renew their vows will need to confirm by contacting the church office at 513-381-3858 by **Thursday, December 3, 2020**.

PRE-CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 20, 2020: There will be a Special Christmas service during the Live-Stream Worship Celebration at 10:45 a.m.

SPECIAL PRAYER DEDICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS ON DECEMBER 20, 2020: There will also be a special prayer dedication for **all** children and a special prayer dedication for **all** teens during the Live-Stream Worship Celebration Service at 10:45 a.m.

WATCH NIGHT OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 31, 2020: At home with family.



The first Watch Night service was on December 31, 1862. On that night, also known as "Freedom's Eve", Black slaves and free blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation actually had become law. Lincoln had used the occasion of the Union victory at Antietam to issue a preliminary proclamation, which freed all slaves in the rebellious states after January 1, 1863. *The African American Desk Reference*

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY: January 3, 2021 during the Live-Stream Worship Celebration Service at 10:45 a.m.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: A Special Thank You to all who have submitted an email address. If you have not had a chance to provide your email address, please do so by contacting the church office at 513-381-3858. God Bless!