

THE UNION PRESS

A LETTER FROM YOUR SESSION

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Our Path to Acceptance and Dismissal

With the vote to seek dismissal from PCUSA at the congregational meeting on May 20, 2018, the next part of Union’s journey began. Over the summer months the session is working to fulfill the requirements of the PCUSA Agreement that was accepted in 2014. Additionally, we will be meeting with Andrew Smith, the Chairman of the Church Development Team for EPC’s Presbytery of the East. Union’s application to be accepted into EPC will be submitted and we as a session will be interviewed and examined on our beliefs. We are anticipating our acceptance into EPC and dismissal from PCUSA will be completed by the end of September.

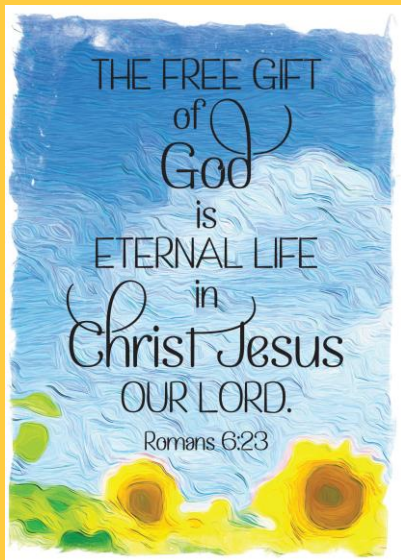
Elaine and various guest ministers will be leading us in worship over the coming weeks. We understand the level of comfort and ministry that can be realized when there is one pastor ministering to us. We are open to suggestions and are looking for someone to minister and lead us. Our current status does free us of the previous requirements of PCUSA in calling a minister. EPC has a process to receive ministers seeking admission. In addition to credentials of education, each person is examined on their views, beliefs, personal Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth.

Please pray for the Session over July and August that God will guide us and give us wisdom as we proceed.

We will update you of the progress in the September newsletter.

Your Session

REMINDER:
Deadline for Newsletter
Articles Is August 19th.



SESSION HAPPENINGS

The Session met on Wednesday, May 16th with The Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson serving as moderator. Minutes for the April Session meetings and the Congregational meetings were approved.

Approval was given to pay bills due. It was noted that the organ will be tuned before the July 4th concert and some malfunctioning notes repaired. A CD at BB&T is maturing. It was decided to cash it and put the funds into the special funds account until we have a clearer picture on our financial situation. The insurance check was received for the chimney repair and the funds placed back into the building fund from which the bills had been paid. A church member paid the deductible.

As Scott Greenleaf, who had been doing the church mowing has died, his grandson who had been helping him asked to continue the job. He was asked to time how long the mowing and trimming took to complete. The average time was 4 hours. The Session voted to pay him \$150.00 per mowing.

A check was received from Presbytery for the unused portion of Rev. Szabos severance pay. The funds will be placed back in the special account. The previous Session had paid the entire severance in advance plus 6 months of per capita in advance.

The guest ministers we have been using were discussed. We have had Revs. Mr. and Mrs. Brondyke, Elaine Swinehart and in the future will be having Tom Chase and Chris Lenhart.

Dr Wilson instructed that Presbytery will print the ballots for the May 20th congregational meeting and discussed how the ballot will be conducted to ensure that there will be no questions about the outcome. The ballots will be given only to current members and that will be verified with a list.

Four Session members plus two congregation members plus Dr. Wilson will count the ballots. Any ballots marked abstain will count as NO. For the motion to “Dismiss from Presbytery” to pass, 75.0% or greater must vote yes. (The vote was 82.7)

Future events approved are The Strawberry Social from 5-7 PM on Friday, June 15th and the Church Picnic following service on Sunday, July 29th, both in Memorial Hall. The Fourth of July organ concert will be held on Sunday, July 1st at 7pm.

Starting Sunday, June 3rd, fellowship time will start each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Cafe. This will allow for more fellowship time on Sundays.

Permission was given for Marty Greenleaf to add an electronic UPC News Updates similar to the prayer chain to keep people informed on Church happenings.

The meeting adjourned with prayer to meet again on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May Giving: \$8,207

Operational Expenses: \$5,627

(Keep in mind that a full time Minister would add about \$5,000/ mo.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart 7:00 Organ Concert	2 7:00 Trustees	3 6:30 Girl Scouts	4 9:00 Art Class	5	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	9 NO Circles	10 NO Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts	11 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session	12	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	16	17 6:30 Girl Scouts	18 9:00 Art Class	19	20	21
22 COMMUNION 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	23	24 6:30 Girl Scouts	25 9:00 Art Class	26	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – 12:00 Church Picnic	30	31 6:30 Girl Scouts				

August

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Art Class	2	3	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	6 7:00 Trustees	7 6:30 Girl Scouts	8 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session	9	10	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	13 NO Circles	14 NO Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts	15 9:00 Art Class	16	17	18
19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	20	21 6:30 Girl Scouts	22 9:00 Art Class	23	24	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	27	28 6:30 Girl Scouts	29 9:00 Art Class	30	31	

July/Aug Flowers

JULY

- 1 (Still Available)
- 8 (Still Available)
- 15 (Still Available)
- 22 Dan & Pat McCardell
- 29 Dwight & Cheryl Wallace

AUGUST

- 5 (Still Available)
- 12 Jane Ferguson
- 19 Carolyn Sacks
- 26 (Still Available)

July/Aug Greeters

JULY

- 1 Milt & Joan Whiteside
- 8 Dan & Pat McCardell
- 15 Colleen Shoemaker & Charlotte Stoner
- 22 Bill & Trudy Bard
- 29 Don & Arlene Hastings

AUGUST

- 5 Ray & Cheryl Wallace
- 12 Pat DiPaola & Charlotte Stoner
- 19 Dick & Janet Stewart
- 26 Marty & Judy Greenleaf



JULY

- 1 Michael Graver
- 2 Dorothy Harvey
Robyn Ferguson
Kristin Fuller
- 5 Daniel McCardell
Valerie Williams
Joseph Greer
- 8 Karen Greer
- 9 Joseph Jackson
- 10 John Hastings
- 11 Bryan Whitman
- 12 Mary Lou Shaub
- 13 Marcia Reed
- 18 Matthew Adams
Barbara Pyle
Donna Greenleaf
- 19 Brenda Wade
- 22 Faye Pyle
Sharon Nickle
- 24 Jennifer Jackson
Ben Dougherty
- 25 Roger Shaub
- 27 Robert Greenleaf
- 29 Sandra Graver
- 31 Janet Cline

AUGUST

- 2 James Parmer, Sr.
- 3 Nancy Hastings
- 4 Angela White
Sharon Adams
- 6 Sarah Jane Mullins
- 7 Yvonne Greenleaf
- 8 Kitty Greenleaf
Alexander Sipos
- 9 Scott Shoemaker
Linda Brown
- 11 Elmer Wade
Ted Pyle Jr.
- 12 Faye Wade
Katelyn Workman
- 13 Esther Taylor
Randy Adams
- 14 Ryan O'Connell
- 16 Ruth Holmes
Carol Scotten
- 17 Dylon Supplee
Anthony Isaiah Thomas
- 20 Bryan Hastings
- 21 Sue Shuler
- 22 Karen Lesley
- 23 Dina Shoemaker
Jeanne Gochnauer
- 25 William Noonan
Kirk Ferguson
- 28 Christine Ambler
- 30 William Ray
Eileen Scotten
Barry Bard

Lectionary Passages

July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;
 Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 22

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
 Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;
 Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

July & August Food Bank

The Food Bank needs are not available at this time. Please watch your bulletin.



Mark Your Calendars for the annual Summer Picnic!!

**At the CHURCH on
 Sunday, July 29, 2018**

Lectionary Passages

August 5

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
 Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130:1-8;
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111:1-10;
 Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;
 Psalm 84:1-12; Ephesians 6:10-20;
 John 6:56-69



We recently launched an electronic (e-mail) news update for Union members and friends. It allows us to keep you updated on what is going on at Union, in addition to quickly getting information out on things like cancellations. We are currently using it to keep people informed about our pulpit supply for the week and upcoming events as well as other pertinent information. If you have not been receiving the "Union E-News" call the office at 717-529-2000 or email upc@epix.net to have your email (or a friends) added! (This is different and in addition to the e-mail prayer chain which still continues.)

Strawberry Social

We hope you had some great fellowship time while you enjoyed the strawberries and a wonderful variety of other items. Thanks for joining us.



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JULY/AUG 2018

UNION CHOIR

Hello Union Family! As you all know choir has not met all summer, so that we could spend our individual times with our families and on vacation. I would like to let everyone know that Union Choir will be starting back up in September. With this being said, I am trying to set everything up and I cannot do this effectively until I know how many enthusiastic members will be joining. So, I would love to invite anyone/everyone to join!

Please fill out the bottom of this paper and return it to myself, Julie or Dwight (RAY) so I can prepare for Union to have a fun, God praising choir.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing each of you at our first rehearsal which I will be announcing at a later date. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a blessed and fun summer! God Bless!

Cheryl Wallace 484-268-3596

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Do you prefer communication via:** Phone Text Email

What do you think/feel your level of musical range is? Alto Soprano Tenor Bass Not sure

Do you have any musical knowledge? Ex: an instrument, chorus in school/previous experience?