

# 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.

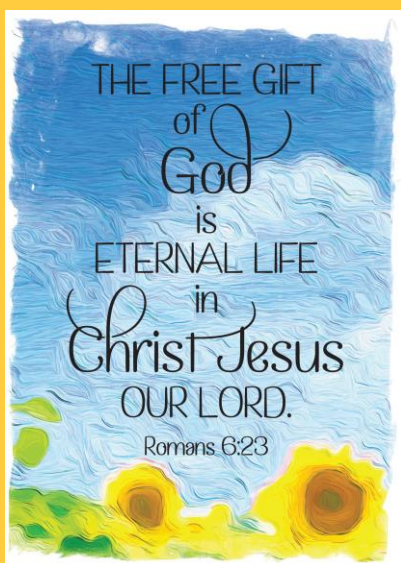
Elaine and various guest ministers will be leading us in worship over the coming weeks. We understand the level of comfort and ministry that can be realized when there is one pastor ministering to us. We are open to suggestions and are looking for someone to minister and lead us. Our current status does 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 19<sup>th</sup>.**



## 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
<b>1</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart <b>7:00 Organ Concert</b>	<b>2</b>  7:00 Trustees	<b>3</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>4</b>  9:00 Art Class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	<b>9</b>  NO Circles	<b>10</b>  NO Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 9:00 Art Class  7:00 Session	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>18</b>  9:00 Art Class	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 COMMUNION</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship –	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>25</b>  9:00 Art Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – <b>12:00 Church Picnic</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	 <p>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 NIV</p>			

# August

# 2018

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			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 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 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

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

### July 8

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

### July 15

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

### July 22

#### 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 17<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

### August 12

#### 19<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 20<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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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5637 Street Road,  
Kirkwood, PA 17536**

**(Address Services Requested)**

## **THE UNION PRESS**

**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?**

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