

THE UNION PRESS

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**Newsletter
Submissions for
the May issue
are due
April 14th**

SESSION HAPPENINGS

The session met on Wednesday, January 13, 2019 for their regular stated meeting. Rev. Tom Milligan from Little Britain EPC served as moderator as Rev. Davies was out of the area. We discussed the current state of the PCUSA discernment process. As Donegal Presbytery is requiring us to attach a 5-year reversion clause to all of our deeds, the process cannot be completed until that is done. Previous sessions had not properly recorded all of the property add-ons in the courthouse and some of the deeds that were recorded referred to us as Union UNITED Presbyterian Church. We must therefore go through all of the legal wrangling required to bring everything into compliance. The problem is magnified by the fact that we need signatures from people who are deceased and also releases from mortgages that were held on the purchased property in question. We are slowly and successfully working through the process but it is slow, laborious and possibly expensive. We are scheduling a meeting with Donegal Presbytery moderators to speed up the process.

We agreed to move some funds from checking into accounts that pay higher interest. We agreed to move forward on paying benevolences. This had been on hold in 2018 because the previous session did not have a budget approved at the 2018 congregational meeting and we did not know what the financial situation would look like with a greatly changed congregation going forward. We feel we can start again and approved payments to Solid Rock, New Hope and Water Street Mission. We made a donation to the Trimble family toward an upcoming expense in appreciation of their contribution to Union's music program. We will pay a benevolence each month going forward.

Due to many of the expenses we incur being required to be paid online, we have applied for a business credit card from our bank. Only a couple people will have access to the card and the charges to the card will be presented to the session and the finance committee every month. In the past, someone's personal card had to be used for this and it was a tracking nightmare. The monthly statement will show who made every charge and what for. We are also more able to benefit from early pay discounts. It was approved by the session to obtain a card.

Because the situation of the Glover ministry has changed, it was suggested that the Sunday School classes should discuss this outreach going forward. In 2018, Union gave \$3,687.00 to them. Communion service will be held on March 3rd with Rev. Elaine Swinehart leading an intinction service. We will need to update our bylaws to reflect the move to EPC. In the past Union participated in One Great Hour of Sharing. This was a PCUSA item. EPC has a similar program called World Relief. We approved to participate in that. (The envelopes were already printed with OGHoS).

It was approved for New Hope to use the church for a fund raiser concert on March 23rd and also for the manse tenants to rent the gym for a birthday party on March 24th afternoon. We are working on a new building use form. Meeting closed with prayer.

Dismissal Update

All of the required documents have now been signed by Mary Fisher and returned for the piece of property that was bought in 2000-01. Attorney Sam Goodley has been in touch with the 2 banks that were recorded as having mortgage loans on Mary's farm. The one mortgage has been paid off and the other mortgage holder has indicated releasing the 0.138 acre where the memorial garden is located will not be a problem.

Once the mortgage matters are addressed Attorney Sam Goodley will be recording a deed for the piece of property and also correcting the deeds that list Union United Presbyterian Church on them. With all of the properties deeds recorded with Union Presbyterian Church as the owner they will then be merged into one combined deed.

Donegal will then attach a Reversion clause that is in effect until June 2024 and the separation will be complete.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for February: \$10,210.00

February Expenses: \$8,087.00

February Sunday School collection for Glovers: \$139.00

Keep in mind that a full-time minister will add about \$6000 per month.



The women met on March 11th and elected the following officers: Chair- Pat McCardell, Vice Chair- Diane Hastings, Secretary- Judy Greenleaf, Treasurer- Charlotte Stoner.

Starting in April on the 2nd Monday -there will be an afternoon bible study group at 1 pm and an evening bible study group at 7 pm. We hope any and all women will join one of our bible study groups. Men are also welcome in our bible study groups.

Events for 2019 (with the approval of session) will be Strawberry Social in May/June, Garage Sale and Chicken corn soup sale in September and Craft and Cookie sale on December 6 & 7 with a cafe for lunch on Saturday.

Missions for 2019 will be Solanco Neighborhood Ministries, Meals on Wheels, Joy Ranch, the Henry's in Mongolia, Barbara Stoltzfus in Guatemala and Sangli Industrial School, India. We are looking into information as to what we can do with addiction help.

Thank You

Thank you from our family for thinking of us over the holidays. We really appreciated the Amazon gift card. Your support for the military is wonderful! We hope you each have a great 2019. Thanks again.

Tom, Denine, Bailey, Casey, Riley and Trey McCardell

Thank you for remembering me on the holidays during 2018. The flowers were pretty and the fruit delicious. ~ Edna Yarnall

Dear Quilters,

I want to thank all those that helped get twenty-five quilts completed. Special thanks to Verna and Dorothy who pieced twenty and Nancy Hastings who also sewed three. Karen Lesley embroidered them with "Jesus Loves You" Union Presbyterian Church. Several of us put the batting in and twelve helped knot them. We gave nine to Joy Ranch, one to New Hope to be auctioned, one to Solid Rock, one to Solanco Neighborhood Ministries, one to Oxford Neighborhood Ministries, six to a family in need with six children, and sold six to local people and church members.

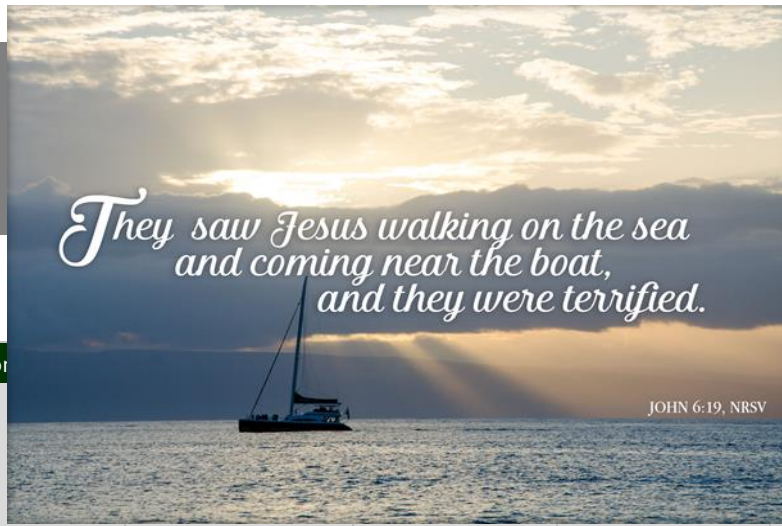



QUILT DEDICATION



April

2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Girl Scouts	2 9:00 Art Class	3	4	5
	NO Trustees					6
7 5 th Sunday of Lent 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase Choir Practice	8 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	9 2:00 Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts	10 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session	11	12	13 8:00am Clean-up Day 
14 Palm Sunday Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase Choir Practice 6:00pm Choir Arrival 7:00pm Choir Concert	15	16 6:30 Girl Scouts	17 9:00 Art Class	18 Maundy Thursday	19 7:00pm Good Friday Service – Elaine Swinehart	20
21 Easter 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	22	23 6:30 Girl Scouts	24 9:00 Art Class	25	26	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase	29	30				

FOOD BANK

Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Granola Bars, Diapers size 4

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

April 7th

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 14th

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40;
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21st

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43;
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26;
John 20:1-18

April 28th

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



- 2 *Stuart Shoemaker*
- Stephen Compher*
- 3 *Kent Wade*
- 5 *Reenie Chase*
- 6 *Stanley Vasco*
- 8 *David Kelley*
- 10 *Patti Nickle*
- Dyson Bouchelle*
- 11 *Brooke McCardell*
- Angela Slodki*
- Joy Compher*
- 12 *Gregory Trimble*
- 17 *Keith Hastings*
- 18 *Bailey McCardell*
- 20 *Roger Cline*
- 23 *Colleen Shoemaker*
- 24 *William Taylor*
- 25 *Arlene Hastings*
- Linda Shoemaker*
- 26 *Alexandria Wallace*
- 28 *Luke Graziano*
- 29 *William Noonan*
- 30 *Larry Sheaffer*

APRIL FLOWERS & GREETERS

7 – Larry & Barbara Whyte
14 – Palms
21 – Lilies
28 – Ray & Cheryl Wallace

7 – Carol Oswald & Lois Ferguson
14 – Sandy Stewart & Charlotte Stoner
21 – Dick & Nancy Hastings
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Spring Clean-Up Day



The trustees will be holding the annual spring church cleanup on Saturday, April 13th starting at 8:00am. If anyone thinks they would like to get a head start there are limbs to be picked up and put in the dumpster. Pine cones can stay.

Choir will be meeting immediately after church on the 7th & 14th for practice.

**The Union Choir will be hosting the choir festival
Palm Sunday, April 14th at 7pm at Union.**

To all the members of Union Choir and the Union Presbyterian Congregation. Since I will be having shoulder surgery and treatment for my neck, I will have to put choir on hold for a little while. The choir will be performing April 14th at the Choir festival, which is being held here at Union Presbyterian Church and they will also be performing Easter Sunday. These performances will take place no matter when I have surgery. Thank you for your continued support both of the choir and for the thoughts and prayers, while I am still dealing with injuries from my auto accident. God Bless and Happy Easter!



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Order form for Easter Lilies

Those who would like to give Easter Lilies should complete this form and return it by Sunday, April 4th.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Easter Lilies are \$6.50 each Number ordered _____ @ \$6.50 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Union Presbyterian Church. Attach your check to this form and mail both to:



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Or you may give your check and order form to Charlotte Stoner.