

THE UNION PRESS

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Newsletter Submissions for the April issue are due March 22nd

The session met on January 8th for its regular monthly meeting. Moderator Rev. Tom Milligan opened with prayer. Under EPC items, the pastor search committee reported that they had finished filling out the Church Information Forms that are necessary to start the search process and they had been sent to EPC headquarters in Orlando, FL. Arlene Hastings, Ray Wallace and Marty Greenleaf are planning to attend the January 24/25 Presbytery meeting at Bellvue EPC church in Gap. They are holding a special “small church” mentoring session early Saturday.

The treasurers report was accepted and motion made to pay all bills. It included no unusual bills, but the trustees reported that several expensive repairs will be getting performed on the HVAC systems in January and that some more organ work is needed. \$1,856 worth of heating oil was delivered.

The auditors will be meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 6pm to audit the various church accounts. The annual report is being prepared and anyone having articles or reports should get them in soon. The worship committee reported that Doug Royer and Todd Brown have agreed to come back again and that Elaine Swinehart and Mick Chase will be continuing as supply pastors. The next communion will be held on Sunday, March 1st.

The trustees reported that a slate needs repaired on the roof and that they had performed more repairs to the dropped ceiling insulation in the new wing. They also worked on closing up any holes in the organ pipe area that unwanted creatures might access.

The 2020 budget proposal was presented by Ken Beiler and Marty Greenleaf of the financial committee. It is similar to last year with slightly lower income expected due to a lower Sunday attendance and a higher expected expense due to much of the HVAC system from the 2004 expansion having passed its expected lifetime. The benevolence budget was also presented with some changes made that had been requested that put more funding towards Lancaster county organizations and less toward Chester county. Because of the uncertainty of the timing of filling the pastorate, no provision was made in the budget for a minister. A discussion was held concerning improving security at Sunday services by locking the doors during the service. The subject will be brought up at the congregational meeting to gauge the congregation's opinion. The candidates for elder and deacon met with the session at 8pm to familiarize them with the requirements of the office and to verify their adherence to the EPC book of order. Rev. Milligan gave an overview of the expectations of the jobs and questioned them on their beliefs. All were excused to return at the congregational meeting to be elected and then ordained and installed. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Milligan.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for January: \$8,986

January Expenses: \$6,027

(Keep in mind that a full-time pastor will add about \$6,000 per month to expenses)

Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$146

2020 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Union Presbyterian Congregation of Colerain (that's our official name) met on Sunday, January 26th immediately following morning service for the annual congregation meeting. The opening prayer was given by acting moderator, Reverend William Davies. There was a quorum of 32 members present. The 2020 budget was presented by Elder Martin Greenleaf, Jr. It was similar to the previous year's budget with some explained differences. Some of the benevolence budgets were modified to reflect changes that were requested. The budget is available in the annual report available at the church. The budget was voted on and approved by the members present and the annual report was accepted as presented.

There was a discussion on how to improve the security at church services in response to the many events that are in the news lately. It was agreed upon to close and lock the doors at approximately 10:05 am. A doorbell will be installed at the entrance to the new addition where the glass windows are. Anyone arriving after the doors are locked can ring that bell which can be heard in the sanctuary and someone will go and leave them in, if appropriate. This will also improve security for the administrative assistant during the week. We may incorporate an intercom and video capabilities also. Anyone will be able to leave from inside even if the doors are locked.

The pastor search committee reported that appropriate documents have been submitted to the EPC and the committee is awaiting approval for the next step in the process. The elders reported attending the January Presbytery meeting in Gap where a very informative session was held for churches with small congregations. Many congregations are succeeding very well with small numbers.

Elder Milt Whiteside gave the report of the nominating committee and the nominees were unanimously approved and elected. Rev. Davies proceeded to question, ordain and install elders Carol Oswald and Dick Stewart, deacons Judy Phillips, Kevin Oswald and Judy Greenleaf. Larry Sheaffer, Josh Gregor and John Armstrong were installed as trustees. We need to thank and pray for these leaders to carry on the work at Union.

Special thanks to outgoing elders Barb Whyte and Milt Whiteside and deacons Charlotte Stoner, Pat DiPaola and Louise Jackson and trustee Ken Miller for their many hours of dedicated service to Union Presbyterian Church. Elders Whyte and Whiteside were very instrumental in working through the very trying times we endured in the transition from PCUSA to EPC and requiring a very large expenditure of time and energy.

Reverend Davies dismissed us with prayer. Special thanks also goes out to Reverend Davies for being our valuable guide and moderator for the past year. Thanks also to Rev. Tom Milligan from Little Britain EPC church for agreeing to be our moderator going forward until we have a minister who will then serve as moderator.

UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"PER CAPITA" ASSESSMENT

As we move from PCUSA to EPC we must learn some new terms. What we annually paid to Donegal Presbytery as per capita assessment is known in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as "PMA" or Per Member Asking. This figure represents \$13 which goes to the local presbytery (The Presbytery of the East) and \$23 which goes to the national General Assembly for a total of \$36.00. We would ask that

each of you prayerfully consider contributing this amount to Union which will be sent on to presbytery, over and above your usual contribution to our church operating needs. These funds are used by EPC for their ongoing operating expenses and is our share of the need shared by all EPC churches. Please use the envelope marked "Per Capita" or mark your check as "PMA".

Your Session



Q u i l t i n g

~ Busy knotting 38 quilts ~



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2020

For many, many years, Union has participated with great vigor in The One Great Hour of Sharing. This is an event sponsored by PCUSA and a few other denominations. As we are no longer affiliated with PCUSA the session has instead decided to focus on a similar project EPC has called World Relief. It serves a similar purpose, sending funds to parts of the world in need of assistance in a Christian manner. So, this year we will find One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in our boxes, but we intend to forward the funds to the approved EPC relief organization. We don't want anyone to misunderstand where these funds will go. You may, as before, add that envelope to the collection on March 22nd and the money given will be forwarded to World Relief. For any more information, talk to any session member. You may also place or send a check marked "World Relief" in the item line, but made out to "Union Pres. Church" in the collection or by mail.



Eclectic Extravaganza

Yard Sale

September 4 and 5, 2020

REMINDER

Have you checked your "Lawn Sale Box" lately?

Is it accumulating "Goodies"?

Thank You,

Lawn Sale Gang



2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Todd Brown	2 7:00 Trustee Mtg	3	4 9:00 Art Class	5	6 1:30 Deacon Mtg <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Doug Royer <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i>	9	10 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:00 Art Class	12	13	14
15 <i>Girl Scout Sunday</i> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session Mtg	19 <i>Spring Begins</i>	20	21
22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>WORLD RELIEF OFFERING</i> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Mick Chase	23	24 7:00 Choir Practice	25 9:00 Art Class	26	27	28
29 <i>Choir Performance</i> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Todd Brown	30	31				

FOOD BANK

Hot Chocolate Packets

Granola Bars

Pop Tarts

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

March 1st

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

March 8th

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 15th

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 22nd

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 29th

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



Thank you to the Woman of Union Church for their donations of \$225 for Christ Home.

~Pat McCardell and Diane Hastings~

MARCH FLOWERS & GREETERS

1 (Still Available)
9 Barb & Larry Whyte
15 Carolyn Sacks
22 (Still Available)
29 Cheryl & Dwight Wallace

1 Charlotte Stoner
9 Sandy Stewart
15 Dan & Pat McCardell
22 Betty McCormick
29 Marty & Judy Greenleaf

CHOIR SCHEDULE

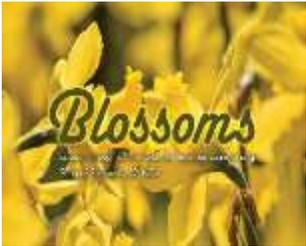
Choir practices February 25, March 10 & 24,
April 14 & 28, May 19 & 26.

Performances – Sunday, March 29, April 19 and May 31.
Palm Sunday evening Cantata at Little Britain, April 5th



- 1 *Donald Hastings*
- 2 *Gary Jackson*
- 6 *John Thompson*
Phillip Shoemaker
- 8 *Jeff Shoemaker*
- 10 *Terry Greenleaf*
Carol Keefer
Edgar Church
- 11 *Ryan Ferguson*
Samuel Reyburn
- 12 *Dwayne Scotten*
Linda Harrington
- 13 *Julia Reyburn*
Richard Ferguson
- 14 *Laura Eldreth*
Ruth Lefever
Eileen Gilmore
James Tucker Reyburn
- 16 *Gerald Ferguson*
- 18 *Jim Law*
Norma Seifried
- 19 *Susan Sumner*
- 22 *Cailin Bouchelle*
- 24 *Amy Pyle*
Ann Rawle
Isabella Greer
Adam Carter
- 25 *Jeff McCardell*
- 26 *Nancy Lefever*
- 27 *William Ferguson*
- 29 *Amy Pitts*
Steven Sumner
Trevor Whiteside
Jay Hastings
- 30 *Joseph Greer III*

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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, March 29.

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 Judy Greenleaf.

