

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Put Spring in Your Spirit

Ask Jesus to plant fresh seeds of joy in your heart.

“Sing to God a brand-new song, sing his praises all over the world! Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with all the far-flung islands joining in. Let the desert and its camps raise a tune, calling the Kedar nomads to join in. Let the villagers in Sela round up a choir and perform from the tops of the mountains. Make God’s glory resound; echo his praises from coast to coast.” Isaiah 42:10 (MSG)

I love the freshness of spring each year. I walk with more pep in my step and more vitality. I enjoy more color in my face and a boost in my spirit. Everything about spring breathes of life and newness. I love seeing green fields, and trees and flowers begin budding. I can’t help but lift my face to thank Jesus for the smile He gave me through His wonderful creation of springtime.

I guess that’s why I love **Isaiah 42:10**, which draws a picture of a world reveling in the joy of praising God. I can almost hear it. It’s amazing how God—the Ancient of Days, the Omega, the One Who Was and Is and Is to Come—is Lord not only of our past, but also of our future. He is Lord of all that will be new as he makes it beautiful in his time. (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**.)

Imagine the newness experienced by people whose lives spanned the time before Jesus’ birth until after His death. The handful of people who believed in Him back then felt not only the longing for the Messiah but also the joy that He paid the penalty for our sins and is alive forevermore!

If springlike praise has faded in your heart, ask Jesus to plant in you fresh seeds of joy. If we desire clean hearts, we must start by asking for them. *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10).* After we’ve prayed for guidance, we need to wade into the clutter and grime of our hearts—and let the cleaning begin!

Consider these suggestions:

1. Scan for big problems you might have overlooked.

Take some time to think through the Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20:2–17**) in the Bible. Are there any you’re not living out fully? If you find you’re tripping over God’s Word, confess it—and ask God to sweep, or spiritually spring clean, your sin away.

2. Dust off your irritations.

Think of the things (or people) that annoy you regularly and ask yourself if anything is going on in your own heart that contributes to the problem. To do your spiritual spring cleaning, let go of the negative things in your life and invite the positive ones in—like peace, hope, and love. And remember, “[love] is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs” (**1 Corinthians 13:5**).

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3. Consider the clutter of your days.

What could you fling from your life that’s cluttering your relationship with God? One TV show a day? A tidbit of gossip when you get together with friends? An indulgence that might be cultivating a spirit of selfishness? Look at the small things. The Bible warns us that it’s “the little foxes that ruin the vineyards” (**Song of Solomon 2:15**).

4. Contemplate what’s lacking.

What we fail to do often depletes our spiritual health as much as what we do wrong. We want to be among those to whom Christ says, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (**Matthew 25:35-36**). As you do your spiritual spring cleaning, think of what more you can do in your life to help others and live with spiritual wellbeing.

God longs to purify you from your sins, to wash you and make your heart “whiter than snow” (**Psalms 51:7**) ...every season of the year. **Take the steps to undergo a spiritual spring cleaning and with the Lord help and guidance of the Holy Spirit it will benefit your life through the spring season and beyond. Amen.**

<https://guideposts.org/daily-devotions/seasonal-devotions/put-spring-in-your-spirit>

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 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Church School Bible Study. The class is held on Zoom Conferencing at www.zoom.com, meeting # 734-9020-6480. Rev. Marshall is the teacher.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m. - In-Person and Livestream Worship Service on YouTube and Facebook.

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. - You are invited to join us for prayer and meditation. The Prayer Line is 515-604-9520 (Code 356781). Prayer Band Ministry

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Word Wednesday Bible Study (Facebook Live) led by Pastor Yates on the business page of UBC Facebook and UBC YouTube channel.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. - UBC Radio Broadcast (WCVG 1320). The UBC Radio Broadcast is also available to stream online at the following link: <https://www.radio.net/s/wcvg>

Saturday at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday Church School Bible Study. The class is held via phone call-in: 1-267-807-9605 (code 344097). The teacher is Sis. Shirley.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN APRIL AND MAY!



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 Yates 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 church office phone number is **(513) 381-3858**.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY: Please continue to keep in prayer our UBC members in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and at home. Please also continue to pray for all of the bereaved families at Union and bereaved families all over the world.

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 at www.union-baptist.net. Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER: In addition to church newsletters and call-em-all messages, you can also receive emails to stay current with all UBC update information. You can also send your email address to the Public Relations Ministry at publicity@union-baptist.net. God Bless!

UPDATE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Sunday School continues to hold two adult classes: Sis. Faye Shirley (Saturdays) via telephone conference call; and Rev. Emanuel Marshall (Sunday mornings) via Zoom. Rev. Alvin Wyatt is conducting a new members class as well on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

I am asking parents to let me or Deacon Donald Darby know if you would like for your child to attend a Sunday School class at the church. We will make arrangements if there is enough interest in a class. Thank you.
~Deacon Ernest Norman/Sunday School Superintendent.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE FAMILY OF SIS. LOIS HARRIS: Dear Pastor Yates - My family and I want to thank you and your congregation for the many prayers and expressions of love and kindness during the passing of my sister, Lois Harris. Words cannot express our gratitude during this difficult tie. We will never forget the words of godly wisdom spoken that bought peace and comfort to us both. Again, thank you and your congregation for the love and support shown to Lois. She was blessed to have been a part of the Union Baptist Family. Sincerely, **April Mack** and **Marlene Bethay**

A THANK YOU NOTE ON BEHALF OF SIS. DORLEAN SMITH: Dear Pastor Yates - My mother, Dorlean Smith has moved to a senior living facility and is doing well! Thank you for your continued prayers. Renee' Cave

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIS. ANGELITA MORENO JONES: Sis. Jones is one of six community leaders being honored by the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio (ULGSO) 29th class of Lions. The 2023 Lions will be honored at April's annual **Glorifying the Lions Ceremony**. This is a prestigious award for distinguished leaders, aged 65 and older. Nominees must have demonstrated a commitment to serving families and children in the ULGSO community or have changed the face of Southwestern Ohio by their words, actions and deeds.

The 2023 Glorifying the Lions award ceremony will be a hybrid event that includes a televised version for the public on multiple dates and a luncheon for the honorees, their families, and select sponsors on **April 6, 2023**.

Viewers will have multiple opportunities to “watch the Lions roar.” The 2023 Glorifying the Lions will be broadcast on WLWT Channel 5 on the following dates (all times are EST):

- **April 13th at 7:30 p.m.**
- **April 15th at 7:30 p.m.**
- **April 16th at 4:30 a.m.**
- **April 17th 12:30 p.m.**



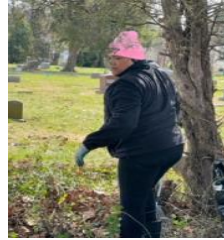
Viewers can also watch the ceremony on **ULGSO's YouTube channel**.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

CEMETERY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Union Baptist Cemetery Clean-Up

Many thanks to everyone who sent refreshments, made donations, and worked on Saturday, **March 11, 2023**, at Union Baptist Cemetery. We successfully gathered over 40 bags of yard waste, uncovered over 30 grave markers that were hidden under all types of brush, and gathered many tree limbs and bush branches.



(Photos provided by Sis. Louise Stevenson)

Please Save the Date: Next Cemetery Clean-up on Saturday, April 29, 2023

UNION BAPTIST CEMETERY
4933 Cleves Warsaw Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45238
9 am – 1 pm



Please join us!

You are cordially invited to the headstone
dedication and celebration of legendary
Kansas City Monarch

Newt Allen

Historic Union Baptist Church Cemetery
4933 Cleves Warsaw Pike
Cincinnati, Ohio

April 15, 2023 at 12pm



Learn more about
Newt by using the
QR code!



Please RSVP or direct inquiries to:
Paul Debono
pdebono1@gmail.com
Alex Painter
alexpainterbaseballresearch@gmail.com

Pastor Orlando B. Yates will be giving the opening greeting, remarks and prayer on this special occasion.

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

April is Discipleship Emphasis Month

HOLY WEEK: April 2 – April 8, 2023

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, April 2, 2023, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube at **10:45 a.m.** (includes the traditional waving of the Palms)



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (THE SEVEN LAST WORDS): Friday, April 7, 2023 In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube from **12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.**

EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM & WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, April 9, 2023, Children/Youth Easter Program from 9:00 am to 10am and Worship Service In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube at **10:30 a.m.**

SECOND QUARTER CHURCH CONFERENCE: on Friday, April 28, 2023 in UBC Sanctuary at **6:00 p.m.**

May is Family Emphasis Month

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, May 7, 2023, In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube at **10:45 a.m.**

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE AND WORSHIP CELEBRATION: Sunday, May 14, 2023 In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube at **10:45 a.m.**

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL COMBINED CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY: On Sunday, May 21, 2023 In-Person and Streaming on Facebook Live and on YouTube at **10:45 a.m.**



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE: On Monday, May 29, 2023 (Church Office Closed)

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES: On Monday, May 29, 2023 at both historic cemeteries: **United American Cemetery** and **Union Baptist Cemetery** at **12 noon**

Union Baptist Church Salutes Our 2023 H. S. Graduates

Marziah Holiday
Cincinnati Digital School

Alonzo Montgomery Jr.
Walnut Hills High School

Kayla Moore
Princeton High School

Kyle Moore
Princeton High School

Graduate Recognition Worship Service

Sunday, June 25, 2023

All **2023 college graduates** are asked to please contact **Sis. Louise Stevenson** **before April 15th**

Union Baptist Church Of Cincinnati Website

For more information about historic Union Baptist Church, please visit our website (**www.union-baptist.net**) which is **both informative and interactive** for those who are seeking the Will of God in their lives. On our website, you will see upcoming events; evangelistic missions inclusive for men, women and children; discipleship opportunities for building God's kingdom; exploratory devotional links for personal spiritual growth; and, community connections that have demonstrated, in the past, and continue to demonstrate, the **POWER OF GOD** throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, and historically beyond. UBC's newsletter is also posted on the website in color.