

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Friends:

God has been gracious to all of us. As we embark upon another glorious summer, we thank God for his goodness and abounding mercy. In my devotionals, I came upon the following inspirational thoughts from Iyanla Vanzant that I am led to share with you on your spiritual journey. Allow the Holy Spirit to prick your hearts as you grow in grace. - Pastor Yates

*** I am willing to acknowledge. . . if I am not giving my all to myself, I am not giving my all, at all.**

If you were to poll fifty average people on a street corner in almost any city, asking them what they wanted to do in their lives, chances are the predominant answer would be, "To help people." When you consider how rude, abusive, violent, and unloving we humans have demonstrated that we can be, this answer might surprise you. The natural instinct among most human beings is to reach out and support one another. It is a wonderful concept; however, there is one small problem many of us have yet to overcome. While we want to help other people, most of us cannot even help ourselves!

There are people out there who want to help save the world who have yet to master a sink full of dirty dishes. Others want to save the children and feed the poor, yet they cannot seem to conquer the dust bunnies beneath their beds and in the bottoms of their closets. Yes, some want to fix all that is wrong in the world, but they cannot seem to fix their broken hearts or their shattered minds. We don't recognize that we cannot give what we do not have. Until we clean up the small places in our own lives with God's help, we will experience extreme difficulty doing what the world so desperately needs done.

Anger can be a little thing; Hate can be a little thing; Order can be a little thing. Each of these little things has a major impact on the big picture. Right thinking, right action and right response to the little things will help us conquer the big things by the grace of God, like injustice, inequality, poverty, and dis-order. Until we are each able to conquer and master the little things in our own hearts, minds and lives, the big things will remain undone.

Until today, you may have been attempting to do some things in the world that you have not yet done in your own life. **Just for today, take care of the little things in your heart, your mind and your life that have a major impact on your ability to give to the world.**

Ask the Lord to order your steps!

*** It is amazing, the stories we tell to avoid facing the realities in which we live.** People drink, they say, for medical reasons, abused women say they fell down stairs. Abused and battered children needed the discipline. Rather than face what is really going on, we will sit in the middle of a mess and call it a garden. We ride our boats down the river of denial and refuse to acknowledge the stench in the river. Even when the stench becomes unbearable, we say it is a good place to fish! We seem to have a really hard time calling things what they really are, which is probably why we spend so much time in bad situations.

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The longer we resist facing whatever it is, the easier it is to forget that we are equipped to change it.

The Bible offers us a story about a man who sat by the gate of the city begging for coins. When two of Jesus' disciples passed him without dropping anything into his cup, he asked, "Why?" The beggar explained his situation. He pleaded with the disciples for help. They refused! The disciples refused to believe his story because they knew the truth.

Instead of seeing the man as a beggar, they saw his power, his strength, his inherent right to stop begging and claim his Divine inheritance. They knew he was in denial. The disciples knew that the man had called himself a beggar for so long he now believed it. The disciples refused to help their brother hold on to his limited ideas and beliefs about himself.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could stop buying into your stories and face the truth? Until today, you may have been avoiding, denying, resisting the truth. You may have forgotten that you can do anything, if it is God's will, that you choose to do! You can have the kind of life you desire. **Just for today, stop telling stories! Put the begging cup away! Look at yourself. Look at your life. Tell the truth about what you see. Amen!**

Today I am devoted to telling the truth about the realities in my life.

-- Until Today, Iyanla Vanzant

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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST



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: We continue to offer two adult Sunday school classes. Our Saturday class is taught by Sis. Faye Shirley, and our Sunday class is taught by Rev. Emmanuel Marshall. Rev. Alvin Wyatt is also conducting a new members class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

The Sunday school will also be assisting with the **Annual Church Picnic** to be held on **June 10, 2023**. Directions to the Blue Ash Nature Center will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there. ~**Deacon Ernest Norman, Sunday School Superintendent**

MEN'S MINISTRY: Union's Men's Ministry meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Please see Rev. Marshall, Minister of Men's Ministry for additional information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023: VBS will start on June 5th through June 9th from **6:30 pm to 8 pm** at Union Baptist Church. This year's theme is "**I've Got This! With Jesus**" with scripture "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13, NLT). All ages are welcomed from 4-year-olds to adults. Come join us and be inspired!

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH GRADUATES RECOGNITION DAY

Sunday, June 25, 2023
10:45 a.m.



Marziah Holiday
Cincinnati Digital School



Alonzo Montgomery Jr.
Walnut Hills High School



Kayla Moore
Princeton High School



Kyle Moore
Princeton High School

Please bring your families and friends to this wonderful worship celebration. A special thank you to all the Scholarship Donors. ~**Sis. Louise Stevenson** and **Sis. Rogena Stargel**, UBC Scholarship Ministry

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

A VISION NIGHT FOR PRAYER will be held during the **Annual Church Revival (June 26 - 28, 2023)**. More information will be forthcoming.

UNION'S 192ND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY will be observed on **Sunday, July 16, 2023**. Additional information will be forthcoming.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, **August 27, 2023**, we will celebrate Pastor Yates' 35th Anniversary during morning worship. Please plan to come and join us in person as we honor Pastor Yates. More information will be coming soon! **Sis. Greta Jackson, Chairperson.**

Trustee Ministry Update

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chair of the Trustee Board for Union Baptist Church. For the past four years, I was blessed to serve with an outstanding team of Trustees who were highly spirited, performed diligently in their duties, and prayed, sang, and read scripture before every meeting to ensure the blood of Jesus covered us every step of the way. I am thankful for the partnership of these saints and the collaboration with the Deacon's Ministry.

But the blessings don't stop here. I ask the Lord's blessing upon these new board members, giving each one wisdom with humility to ask for direction in their decisions. Surround them, Oh Lord, with your love so they can be confident they are following you. Bless them, Lord, with patience and understanding, love and respect for one another.

Deaconess Annette I. Bell, Chair
Sis. Louise Stevenson, Vice Chair
Sis. Tammy Jones, Treasurer
Sis. Rogena Stargel, Assistant Treasurer
Sis. Greta Jackson, Secretary
Sis. Dorene Dilliard, Assistant Secretary (Cemetery Chair)
Deaconess Gwen Hall (Personnel Committee Chair)
Deacon Ricardo Bell (Property & Space Chair)
Deacon Theodore Craig (Assistant Chair, Property & Space)

Humbly,

Sis. Angelita M. Jones

Cemetery Ministry Update

Memorial Day Services Were Held at Union's Both Historic Cemeteries on Monday, May, 29, 2023

The Memorial Day Service at **Historic United American Cemetery** was conducted by **Rev. Dr. Orlando B. Yates**, Senior Pastor of Union Baptist Church and included Keynote Speaker: **Honorable Tyrone K. Yates**, Hamilton County Municipal Court; and special guests: **Pastor Tracy E. Ventus** (New Mission Baptist Church of Madisonville); **Kerry Devery**, President of the Board of Directors of Madisonville Community Council; and the University of Cincinnati Army ROTC Pershing. Musical selections were provided by Union's **Joy**.

The Memorial Day Service at **Historic Union Baptist Cemetery** was conducted by **Reverend Alvin L. Wyatt**, Associate Minister of Union Baptist Church and included Keynote Speaker: **Councilmember Mark Jeffreys**, City of Cincinnati; and special guests: **Pastor Harley G. Anderson** (First Baptist Church of Oakley); **Pastor Herbert E. Mabry** (Greater Liberty Baptist Church of Madisonville); and **Sean Newman**, President of the Board of Directors of West Price Hill Community Council. Musical selections were provided by Union's **Vision**.

Members of Cincinnati City Council, The Mayor's Office, Hamilton County Commissioners and the media were also invited to both cemeteries for the occasion. A Special Thank You also goes out to the Reds Organization.

**** Videos of the keynote speakers' message and pictures can be found on the UBC Facebook page. ****

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Cemetery Ministry Update (Continued)

A Headstone Dedication and Celebration of Legendary Kansas City Monarch Newt Allen was held on April 15, 2023 at Historic Union Baptist Cemetery.

Featured below is a copy of the program from the ceremony which provides pertinent information about Newt Allen; a picture of Newt Allen's headstone; and a group picture of Pastor Yates, Sis. Louise Stevenson and representatives from the Kansas City Monarchs.

Allen is one of the finest infielders, white or colored, in organized baseball.
-John McGraw, Hall of Fame manager, New York Giants

About Newt Allen...

Newt Allen was born in Austin, Texas, but was raised in Kansas City, Missouri, from the age of nine. As a young child, he worked at the Kansas City Monarchs' ballpark. Later, Allen spent most of his professional baseball career with his hometown team and was a key member of eleven Monarchs championship squads between 1922 and 1944. In 1924, Allen batted .282 as Kansas City triumphed over Hilldale in the first-ever Negro League World Series. Eighteen years later, he hit an almost identical .286 as the Monarchs prevailed over the Homestead Grays for their first Negro League World Series since 1927. Additionally, he also won a championship in the Cuban Winter League and five championships in the California Winter League.

A premier second baseman, Allen was among the former Negro League players considered for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006. Although he fell short of receiving that honor, his career statistics, his teams' successes, and the accolades he received from his peers show him to be worthy of enshrinement. Pitcher Chet Brewer, who joined the Monarchs in 1925 and was a longtime teammate raved, "Newt was a real slick second baseman, he could catch the ball and throw it without looking. Newt used to catch the ball, throw it up under his left arm; it was just a strike to first base. He was something! Got that ball out of his glove quicker than anybody you ever saw."

Late in life, Allen moved Cincinnati to be closer to members of his extended family. Upon Allen's death in 1988, former Monarchs teammate and Hall of Famer Buck O'Neil asserted, "He was one of the best I've ever seen." Allen was indeed one of the stars of the old Negro Leagues.

Biography provided by Frederick C. Bush

Newt by the Numbers

1,185 Hits (1st)
692 Runs (2nd)
178 Doubles (2nd)
60 Triples (2nd)
533 Runs Batted In (3rd)
161 Stolen Bases (3rd)
(Rank among Negro Leagues 2B, per Seamheads)
Five-time All-Star
Two-time World Series Champion



About Historic Union Baptist Cemetery...



Established in 1864, the Union Baptist Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Hamilton County at its original location purchased, maintained, and still used by a black congregation.

Many prominent African Americans, abolitionists, Civil War veterans, and members of the Underground Railroad are interred in the cemetery. Though no longer a working cemetery, it is truly a beacon of Black history and culture for the region.

In an effort to continue to protect the honor of those buried here, the cemetery is raising funds for major restorative needs. We encourage you to use the QR code to the right and give to the effort to preserve this place of immense historical significance.



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Cemetery Ministry Update (Continued)

Cemetery Advisory Board Announcement

Union Baptist Church has formed a Cemetery Advisory board of members from the church and community experts in various fields. Our board meets monthly. In June, Meredith Evans, Director and Curator for President Jimmy Carter Library and Museum, will join us to help us along our journey to Preserve our Historical Cemeteries. ~~**Sis. Louise Stevenson**

A Tribute to Professor Corbin

Professor Joseph Carter Corbin (1833-1911) is the founder of the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. **He and his family have ties to Union Baptist Church.** Professor Corbin also has family members interred at Union Baptist Cemetery.



Dr. Gladys Turner Finney, author of "Joseph Carter Corbin: Educator Extraordinaire and Founder of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff", reached out to Union Baptist Church to make a donation to the Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Memorial Scholarship for math and science majors for the upcoming Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Day Sesquicentennial Event, on September 27, 2023.

Thank You Note from Dr. Finney: Thank you for your support for the Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Memorial Scholarship at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Your generous gift will enable future students to enter careers in mathematics and science and share their gifts with the world as Professor Corbin did. The Professor Joseph Carter Corbin Memorial Scholarship is a befitting memorial to Professor Corbin's legacy and commitment to education. Thanks! Gracias! Merci! Forever Grateful!

Dr. Gladys Turner Finney
Class of 1957

COVID FUNDS

Covid funds are extended until May 11, 2025. The COVID-19 incident period ended on May 11, 2023. FEMA will continue to provide funeral assistance until September 30, 2025 to those who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic.

FEMA will provide funeral assistance to anyone who has died with Covid. They will refund expenses up to \$9,000. Go to <https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance> for more details. You may also contact **Sis. Louise Stevenson** for questions since she has applied for these funds since her brother died of covid.

A PRAYER FOR SUMMER



Our Dear Father: Thank you for the gift of summertime. Thank you for the opportunity to have a season of celebration, family time, renewal, and adventures. We pray that you would be the center of our thoughts and actions this summer. We ask that wherever we are and whatever we are doing, we will glorify you with it. We pray that we would be dedicated learners of Your Word and give time to grow in understanding the Bible and memorizing Scripture. We pray that we would worship our hearts out to you in song. We pray that we would honor you with our own creativity and talents, whatever that might be. ~~ *Emma Danzey* (crosswalk.com)

INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June is Family Emphasis Month

June 4, 2023: Holy Communion and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

June 5 – June 9, 2023: Vacation Bible School at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

June 10, 2023: Annual Church Picnic at 12 noon at the Blue Ash Nature Center

June 11, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

June 18, 2023: Annual Father's Day / Men's Day Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

June 25, 2023: Worship and Grad Recognition Observance In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

June 26-28, 2023: Church Revival in the sanctuary from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

July is Church Emphasis Month

July 2, 2023: Baptism and Holy Communion during Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

July 4, 2022: Independence Day Observance (Church Office Closed)

July 9, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

July 16, 2023: Worship Celebration and 192nd Church Anniversary Observance In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

July 23, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

July 28, 2023: Third Quarter Church Conference at 6:00 p.m. in UBC Sanctuary

July 30, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

August is Fellowship Emphasis Month

August 6, 2023: Holy Communion and Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

August 13, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

August 20, 2023: Worship Celebration In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

August 27, 2023: In-Person & Livestream Worship Celebration and 35th Pastor Appreciation Day In-Person & Livestream on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:45 am

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.