

The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Senior Pastor



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A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him

My dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas season and New Year are upon us. What a wonderful time of the year to serve others and open our hearts to our Savior. This is the perfect time to renew our commitments to do the work of ministry.

The classic Christmas hymn "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" tells us that the Son of God is appearing in the flesh and that the faithful are invited to come to Bethlehem and "adore the king of angels" and to "sing in exultation."

As foretold by ancient prophets our redeemer entered mortality in the humblest of circumstances, yet we were not there, nor could we accept the invitation to "come and adore him."

However, brothers and sisters, the invitation to the faithful to adore the king of kings is open and never-ending. So let me once again extend the call to "come and adore him" during this season of Christmas and New Year. **Adore him by feeding his sheep and carrying his cross.**

We invite you to turn your thoughts unto him who has saved us all. Grant him access to your hearts that you may feel his love and then in turn share that love with your fellow man.

This holiday season I ask you to consider this question; how will I adore him? I invite you to seek a fresh encounter with the Lord. Start with Jesus right where you are! Are you in bad circumstances? Health difficulties? Family or relationship problems? Are you hurting? Don't despair! Just let Jesus in. He changes things!

I ask for the blessings of heaven to be upon you as we celebrate together. Let this be your desire:

*Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul, I live for You alone
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm
awake
Lord, have Your way in me.
This is my desire to honor You
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You
All I have within me, I give You praise
All that I adore is in You. Amen.*

— I Give You My Heart Excerpts, Songwriters Reuben Timothy Morgan
www.mvprogress.com

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 # 73490206480. Rev. Marshall is the teacher.

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

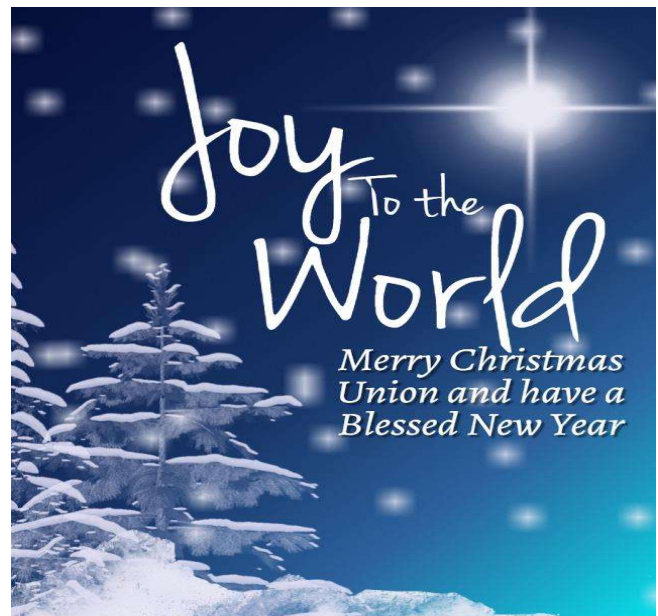
Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. - You are invited to join us for prayer and meditation. The Prayer Line is 515-604-9520 (Code 356781). Prayer Band Ministry

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.

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: 1-712-770-5505 (code 344097). The teacher is Sis. Shirley.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE BORN IN DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



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.** Thank you.

EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDER: **Union Baptist has moved to electronic mailing of the newsletter.** If you have an email address and have not had a chance to provide your email address to the church office, please do so by contacting **Sis. Marionnetta Hayes-Rodgers**, Administrative Assistant at (513) 381-3858, ext. 3, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from **10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, or you can email your address to her at marionnetta.rodgers@union-baptist.net. God Bless!

PURPOSE DRIVEN YOUTH MINISTRY (PDYM): **Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt, PDYM Minister Leader**, is maintaining contact during the pandemic with the teens of Union via phone calls and individual or group text. He can also be contacted regarding any spiritual needs that a teen may have by calling 513-381-3858, ext.7. For additional information about PDYM, please visit the UBC website at <https://union-baptist.net/> and click on the Ministries tab.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY: For additional information about the Children's Church Ministry, please visit the UBC website at <https://union-baptist.net/> and click on the Ministries tab. If you have any questions, you can also contact Rev. **Emanuel Marshal, Minister Leader**, by calling 513-381-3858, ext.7.

HILLCREST CEMETERY CEREMONY



At a recent ceremony, **Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Pastor of Union Baptist Church**, presented a gift of 4.8 acres of property in Hillcrest Cemetery to a nonprofit group aiming to restore the cemetery. The 4.8 acres were given by the entire enthusiastic, loving congregation of Union Baptist Church to the **Coalition to Save Hillcrest Cemetery**. The Coalition was founded in 1999. The group has been engaged in major projects of cleaning and straightening gravestones, and they are working on a strategic plan for long-term cemetery maintenance.

Union Baptist Church owns two historic African American cemeteries: Union Baptist Cemetery in Price Hill and United American Cemetery in Madisonville. The church also has a longstanding relationship with Hillcrest Cemetery, an African American burial ground in Anderson Township. The church held the title to a fraction of Hillcrest but realized that it would make more sense for a single entity to own the entire cemetery.

Hillcrest Cemetery was founded in the 1920's and is known primarily as the resting place of thousands of African American military veterans from conflicts including the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, both World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam.

Samuel J. Robinson, who fought in the Civil War with the 54th Massachusetts Infantry (the regiment depicted in the film *Glory*) is buried here. So are Lou Jones, a Trooper in the historic 10th US Cavalry Regiment, that rushed up San Juan Hill alongside Teddy Roosevelt and Charles Richmond, one of the very first Black Marines. Many prominent civilians are also buried here, including jazz musician Artie Matthews and Negro Leagues baseball pitcher Louis Dula.

Todd Mayer (pictured above with Pastor Yates), **a retired Army Colonel and the Board President of the Coalition to Save Hillcrest**, says that consolidating ownership of the cemetery will help their group work with Anderson Township to make sure that the cemetery is properly maintained.

Mr. Mayer says it was a wonderful and thoughtful gift that will help get the cemetery what it needs to make needed improvements in the next five years. We value our partnership with Union Baptist, it is an honor and a privilege to ensure these souls resting here are properly cared for and remembered.

~~~ Article Submitted by **Sis. Angelita M. Jones, Trustee Board Ministry Leader**

## **INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Excerpt of Thank You Letter to Sis. Faye Shirley's Saturday Church School Bible Study from Jenny Perez, Executive Director of Mary Magdalen House:**

"Dear Co-Ed Bible Class,

Thank you sincerely for your generosity to Mary Magdalen House and its guests! Your gift of white socks and \$50 in cash received on 11/9/21 will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who visit us each day. We are honored that you chose to support our work.

Thanks to your support, every person who enters Mary Magdalen House finds an oasis of hospitality where they can shower, shave, brush their teeth, receive clean clothing and have dirty clothes laundered, use a telephone, and receive messages and mail. Our unique services are like no others offered nearby and our guests count on Mary Magdalen House every single day to meet these essential and basis needs.

Again - thank you for your generosity toward those who are so often forgotten. Thank you for allowing the necessary work of Mary Magdalen House to continue. I speak for all of our guests when I tell you how grateful we are for your gift".

### **December is Advent Season**

**ANNUAL SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, **December 19, 2021**, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** Wednesday, December 22, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022.

**"AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION":** Sunday, **December 26, 2021**, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**WATCH NIGHT OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 31, 2021:** At home with family.

### **January is Worshiping Jesus Christ In The New Year 2022 Only, Always**

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY:** **January 2, 2022** In-Person and Live-Stream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** **January 17, 2022**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance

**CITY WIDE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2022:** Plans are underway with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition for MLK Day 2022. **The theme is "Your Freedom and My Freedom Are Bound Together"** and the keynote speaker is community activist and advocate, Iris Roley. In order to meet the challenges of Covid, the traditional Commemorative Civil Rights March will include social distancing and will begin at the Freedom Center at 10:30, and march to Fountain Square for a brief prayer service, then march on to Music Hall for the annual program at 12:00 (noon.) Masks are required for the march and for entering Music Hall. A photo ID and proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test are also required. The Music Hall program will be offered both in-person and live-streamed at [mlkcoalition.org](http://mlkcoalition.org). Union Baptist Church is placing an ad in the Commemorative Program Book.



### **February is Black History Month**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** **February 14, 2022**, Presidents' Day Observance

"Won't it be wonderful when black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history." —**Maya Angelou**



Lord, grant me peace above all else no matter the circumstances I may face this year. — **Philippians 4:6-7**

Father, I bring all my plans for the year before you — only approve them if they are in line with your plan for me. — **Proverbs 19:21**

~[www.womansday.com](http://www.womansday.com)