

# The Union Baptist Church Newsletter

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## A Meditation for You from Our Pastor

### *Living The Golden Rule*

*"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."*

*Matthew 7:12 (ESV)*

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very **Merry Christmas**. During this **advent season**, we celebrate **Hope, Peace, Love** and **Joy** through **Jesus Christ our Lord**. I pray that all of these attributes will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God for all of His many blessings but most of all for the free gift of salvation. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate **"Immanuel"** (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through His presence working within us we are being **healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole**. I pray you have a fantastic **Christmas** and a prosperous **New Year!**

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**Our message for this edition is based on The Golden Rule.** How you treat others can have a negative or positive affect on the other person but also on you. I have listed a few positive effects for your consideration. This is not meant to be a complete list.

#### **Treat Others Justly**

You wouldn't want people lying about you or falsely or harshly condemning you. Right?

#### **Be Loyal to Friends and Companions**

You would probably want your friends and companions to be loyal: you wouldn't want them to betray you.

#### **Be a Good Sport**

You would probably like to be treated with good sportsmanship and not hoodwinked nor tricked into doing things.

#### **Treat Others Fairly and Honestly**

You would want people to be fair in their dealings with you. You would want them to be honest and not cheat you. Correct?

#### **Be Kind**

You would want to be treated kindly, without cruelty nor spoken to in a demeaning harsh manner.

#### **Be Considerate**

When you are down, you might like others to be compassionate. We all have our 'valley' experiences.

#### **Exhibit Self-Control**

Instead of blasting you, you would probably want others to exhibit self-control. Right?

#### **Be Tolerant and Forgiving**

If you have defects or shortcomings, and we all do, if you make a mistake, you might want people to be tolerant, not critical. Rather than concentrating on retaliation or punishment, you would most likely prefer people to be forgiving. Correct?

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#### **Be Benevolent**

You probably want people to be benevolent toward you in your time of need; not mean, stingy or gossiping.

#### **Be Encouragers, Respectful, Polite and Treat Others with Dignity**

You probably would want others to believe in you, not doubt you at every hand. You would probably prefer to be given respect, not insults. You would probably want others to be polite to you and also treat you with dignity. Right?

#### **Admire Other People, Show Appreciation, Be Friendly and Loving**

You might like others to admire and affirm you. When you do something for them, the group, or a good deed, you probably would like people to appreciate you. Correct? We know that all good gifts come from God, but most people, including you, need to feel appreciation. You probably would also like others to be friendly and there are times when we all need to feel that we are loved.

#### **Exercise the Gift of Integrity**

And above all, no one likes pretenders, you would want others to be real in their attitudes and act with integrity and truth!

**In conclusion**, if a person is treated this way regularly by others around him, his life will exist on a pleasant level and God will be well pleased. **Amen.**

Excerpts from *The Way to Happiness*, L. Ron Hubbard, 2009 (revised)

### 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](https://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.

**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 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:** In addition to church newsletters and call-em-all messages, you can also receive emails to stay current with UBC information. 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. Marionetta Rodgers**, Administrative Assistant at (513) 381-3858, ext. 3, on Thursdays, from **10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, or you can send your e-mail address to her at [marionetta.rodgers@union-baptist.net](mailto:marionetta.rodgers@union-baptist.net). You can also send your email address to the Public Relations Ministry at [publicity@union-baptist.net](mailto:publicity@union-baptist.net). God Bless!

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM PASTOR WAYNE AND WENDA JOHNSON WHO WORSHIPPED WITH UNION ON PASTOR'S APPRECIATION SUNDAY (8/28/22):** "Thank you again and again – Dear Precious Saints of Union Baptist. Pastor and I want to thank you for the absolutely wonderful blessed weekend you let us spend with you. Everything was beautiful." Pastor Wayne and Sister Wenda Johnson

### NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY DECEMBER 17, 2022 - 12 NOON UNION BAPTIST CEMETERY 4933 CLEVES WARSAW

Union Baptist Church along with Wreaths Across America will be remembering and honoring Civil War Veterans at the Union Baptist Cemetery on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Union Baptist Cemetery is an African American Cemetery and is on the National Register of Historic Places. There are 121 Civil War Heroes buried at the cemetery.

The goal this year is to honor **50 Civil War Veterans** laid to rest in December with a Remembrance wreath and the goal of 50 wreaths has been surpassed.

**Volunteers are needed to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony** on Saturday December 17, 2022. Volunteers need to arrive by 11:30 am. Please contact **Sis. Louise Stevenson** or **Sis. Lisa Adams** if you have any questions or want to volunteer.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY:** Learning and Growing Through Christ. Children's Church Ministry is held each Sunday at 10:45 am. For more information, please contact **Dr. Raven Spratley**, Ministry Leader.

**VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:** For all adults (age 18 and older) that have a heart and passion to work with, serve and/or assist physically with the Children's and Youth Ministries, in compliance with the church's insurance policies and in compliance with our church policies governing volunteers, staff and employees, you are required to have a FBI/BCI background check completed and filed with the church through our Personnel Committee, which is chaired by Sis. Gwen Hall. Records will be kept confidential within the Personnel Committee. Any adult volunteer or staff member who has not complied with this policy is requested to contact Sis. Hall immediately for next steps to complete this process. ~ **In HIS Service, the Trustee Ministry of Union Baptist Church**

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

**MESSAGE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:** I pray that as we approach the end of 2022, you will make the commitment to join one of our Sunday school classes for adults. I am also looking to restart classes for our children and teens and encourage parents to support our efforts. More information will be provided if classes will be held in person or online. May God's blessings be with you and families during this holiday season.  
~Deacon Ernest Norman/Sunday School Superintendent.

### **SCENES FROM FALL 2022 AT UBC**

#### **Trustee Board Retreat – Marriott Courtyard Rockwood - September 10, 2022**



Pictured front row, left to right: Sis. Kathy Spratley, Dea. Ernest Norman, Sis. Angelita Jones, Sis. Portia Fuller, Sis. Annette Bell, Sis. Louise Stevenson; Sis. Gwen Hall; Pastor Yates; second row, left to right: Dea. Theodore Craig; Sis. Denise Harris; Sis. Dorene Dillard; Bro. Jeremy Yates; Attorney John Stillpass; Dr. Raven Spratley; Dea. Ricardo Bell.

(Photo provided by Sis. Angelita Jones, Trustee Board Ministry Leader)

#### **Senior Citizen/Grandparent Day – September 11, 2022**

Union welcomed home, **Rev. Carlton Thomas** who gave a heartfelt sermon ("The Hidden Joy of a Difficult Opportunity", *Nehemiah 1:1-11*)



Pastor Yates, Sis. Margie Yates and Rev. Carlton Thomas.

(Photo provided by Bro. Jeremy Yates)

#### **Flag Day Ceremony – September 17, 2022**

Union Baptist Church is honored to have such support for our Historical Black Cemetery. We are thankful for the community partnership that has made this project possible. Michael Reckelhoff, a 16-year-old, junior at Colerain High School is a member of Boy Scout Troop #420 (see photo on page 4). Michael spearheaded the flag installation project with his troop members. Michael worked with many organizations that helped to complete this project. He will earn an Eagle Scout Badge at the end of this project celebration. Kudos to the following community partners who supported this project: **Boy Scout Troop #420, National Flag Company, VFW Post 10380, St. Joseph of Three Rivers Knight of Columbus, St. Teresa of Avila Church, Mr. Handyman of Greater Cincinnati/ Northern Ky, G.W. Tenkotte Home Improvement LLC, Western Hill Builders Supply Co, Cincinnati Sportscapes LLC, and many more individuals who gave their support.** - Sis. Louise Stevenson



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**Michael Reckelhoff, Eagle Scout (center)**

(Photo provided by Sis. Angelita Jones)

### **Making Strides Walk – October 22, 2022**



(Photos provided by Sis. Annette Bell)

### **Trunk or Treat at Union Baptist Church October 30, 2022**



(Photos provided by Sis. Annette Bell)

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

### **December is Advent Season**

**ANNUAL FAMILY OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday, December 4, 2022, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45 a.m.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT OBSERVANCE:** Sunday, December 11, 2022, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**ANNUAL SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, December 18, 2022, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

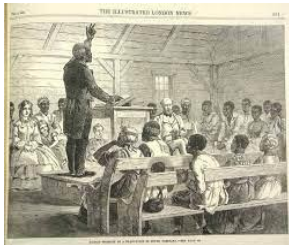
**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Sunday, December 25, 2022, In-Person and Livestream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 through Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

**WATCH NIGHT OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022:** At home with family.



### **WATCH NIGHT SERVICE**



In 1862, the first Watch Night Service was celebrated in Black communities in America. The Watch Night service can be traced back to gatherings known as "Freedom's Eve." On that night, Black slaves and free Blacks came together in churches and private homes all across the nation, awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. Lincoln had used the occasion of the Union victory at Antietam to issue a preliminary proclamation, which freed all slaves in the rebellious states after January 1, 1863.

Blacks (in particular) have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve ever since, praising God for bringing us safely through another year. It's been over a century and a half since the first Freedom's Eve, and tradition still brings citizens together at this time every year to celebrate "how we got over."

~~ *African American Registry.org*

### **Another Year Is Dawning**

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,  
Another year of training for holier work above;  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

~~ *Frances R. Havergal, 1874*



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God's Blessings and Favor to ALL!

FROM

### **Union Baptist Ministerial Staff**

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Reverend Alvin L. Wyatt, Associate Minister

Reverend Emanuel D. Marshall

### **Union Baptist Official Board**

Sis. Angelita M. Jones, Chairman of Trustee Ministry

Deacon Ernest Norman, Chairman of Deacons Ministry

The Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati Family



### **January is Worshiping Jesus Christ, Always!**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY (NEW YEARS DAY):**

**January 1, 2023** In-Person and Live-Stream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, January 16, 2023,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance

#### **CITY WIDE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE DAY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2023:**

The 2023 King Legacy Celebration will be in-person and will include a continental breakfast at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center at 8:30 a.m. A livestream option will also be available. The 2023 theme is "Love and Justice" with Keynote Speaker, Brittany Packnett Cunningham. The annual MLK March will occur afterwards at 10:30 am starting from the Freedom Center and ending with prayer at Washington Park.



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

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY:** February 5, 2023 In-Person and Live-Stream on YouTube and Facebook at 10:45a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, February 20, 2023,** Presidents' Day Observance

**UNION CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH UC ON FEBRUARY 12, 2023:** The University of Cincinnati students, faculty, and staff will join UBC to Celebrate Black History Month during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration. A Fellowship Hour with lunch will follow after worship service. In addition, Bro. Chris Hanlin will offer a tour of the Union Baptist Cemetery immediately following Fellowship Hour. The entire Union congregation is invited to join in on the tour (either in-person or virtually).



Barack Obama  
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Kamala Harris  
V.P. of the United States



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U.S. Supreme Court Justice



Colin Powell  
Former U.S. Secretary of State



Dr. Loretta C. Mangrum  
Classical Composer



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Educator, and Health Advocate