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### *Celebrating Unity in a Fractured World*

On the first Sunday in October congregations around the world will celebrate World Communion Sunday. It began with the Rev. Hugh Thompson in 1933 at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He believed deeply in the ecumenical and global importance of the Church bearing witness to God's intention for all people to live with compassion and peace and justice.

Today, we live in a fractured world. Broken pieces lie everywhere. Today, we our world needs to become compassionate toward one another. We need to work for peace within ourselves and with one another. And we need to live with justice for all people.

Today, the Church remains the “spokesperson” for God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ within the world. The responsibility belongs to no other.

We have just completed our study of the Ten Commandments. They are not the Ten Options. We, as the Church, the Body of Christ within the world, must guide ourselves by these commandments and by the teachings of Jesus if we are to fulfill our mission of being salt (salvation) and light (illumination) to a fractured world.

When healing happens to a physical fracture there is a build-up of new calcification around the fracture to bring healing. It becomes stronger at the broken place. So it can be with our world, with our nation, with the Church, with us as individuals. If we allow the Holy Spirit of God to work within our lives and within our churches we will be filled with compassion for one another and for others in our world; we will begin to work for true peace that comes from the hearts of people and that will result in justice for all.

Will such a thing be easy. Of course not. But I would remind us that the last prayer that Jesus prayed for his disciples was for unity. Read again John 16 and 17 and place yourself in the presence of Jesus as He says these words to *you*. May the God of all peace be active in our lives and in our world. Amen.

*Pastor Louise*

# Church News & Events



## *Mission of the Month*

### **Allegany Senior Foundation**

The Allegany Senior Foundation is a non-profit volunteer organization providing support to help meet the needs of senior citizens in the county and to tap the resources of the population to meet those needs. The Board of Elders has again chosen this foundation as the Mission of the Month for October. Please support this organization which serves our local community so reliably. The Senior Foundation is always grateful for our help.

**Make checks payable to the Union University Church with "Senior Foundation" in the memo line.**

**Adult Bible study will start Sunday, September 25 at 9:30.**

**The class will consist of 5 video sessions on the Early church. Participants will decide how often to meet at the first session.**



The advisory committee is calling a special church meeting directly after church on October 23. This very short meeting will be in the sanctuary right after the postlude for the sole purpose of affirming the members of the pastoral

search committee, so they are able to start working on the process immediately. People who have agreed to serve from the church boards are Dave Porter, Anna McHale, Cindy Tucker, Jan Casey, Sharon Burdick, Mary Perkins, Deb Stephens, and John Buckwalter. Linell Soule has agreed to serve as a member at large, making a search committee of nine.



The 2022-2023 church year started with Rally Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>! The service began with everyone having a delicious snack of muffins/fruit and ended with the congregation making a bookmark with the youth. The bookmarks had space for a special memory at UUC and a hope for the future on them. If you were not able to attend the service but would like a bookmark mailed to you, please email can we put [uucalfred@gmail.com](mailto:uucalfred@gmail.com)? Following the special activity with the youth a luncheon was shared that featured Pastor Louise's beef brisket (special thanks to Laurel Buckwalter!) and many other yummy sides.

This year the youth will be meeting 1x monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:30 for breakfast and a lesson together. All youth of the community are encouraged to attend! The youth got together on 9/18 and talked about what love means while learning the story of Naomi and Ruth. They tested their baking skills and made pear gingerbread that was enjoyed at coffee hour! *By Mary Perkins*



**Cuhlyn, Jackson, Isabel, & Lily**

# Church News & Events, cont.



## **A UUC Tradition Since 1969**

From the "History of the Union University Church 1922-1972" by Grace H. Nease:

"In 1969 the Alfred committee to Aid Migrant Resettlers began with members of the Union University Church. For some time we had been sending aid to these people with the prompting of Agnes Rhodes. This had been done through the Reverend David Jones, chaplain for the migrant ministry of the Steuben Area. He felt that getting to know the people and their needs first-hand was important. At Christmas time clothing, food, and toys were taken to them and personal contacts made. As the work progressed, other interested townspeople joined the committee, making it a community group which has become affiliated with the Steuben Area Migrant committee."

When Agnes Rhodes was no longer able to coordinate our **"Christmas Box Mission,"** Loretta Smith stepped forward to take on the task along with the Diaconate. When Loretta decided that she could no longer continue Melissa Jusianiec graciously accepted the baton and with the help of the Diaconate, coordinates efforts on behalf of UUC.

And now preparations are under way for Christmas 2022.

*Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others,  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to you glad.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier



## **Christmas Boxes — 2022**

Though fall is not officially upon us, we *are* getting started on our Christmas box outreach preparations. The first part of that process is to determine how many sponsors we have between our congregation and local friends of UUC.

If you plan to sponsor a Christmas box this year (either on your own or with another family), please take a few minutes to complete the short survey found in the link below:

<https://forms.gle/mrVE9jXC2i6gwWJf8>

Or email the Church Office:

[uucalfred@gmail.com](mailto:uucalfred@gmail.com)

Many thanks!

*By Melissa (on behalf of the diaconate)*



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Save Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the return of our annual Holiday Luncheon. Remember homemade soups and pies, both to enjoy and make for the community celebration this event has become. This year we will also be selling chilled homemade soups in pints and quarts to take home and enjoy later. In addition, this year we are going to be selling mugs filled with anything(s) you might enjoy creating or purchasing. These mugs will sell for \$5. We have many extra mugs to give to anyone who doesn't have an extra mug or two to fill and give away. We will have a baked goods table(s) with a few homemade jams and pickles. If you enjoy baking - breads, cookies, candies, etc. are welcome.

Jan Porter will begin soliciting soups and pies in November and looking for the good helpers we have depended on for Thursday set up, and Friday dining room help, and dining room and kitchen clean up.

If you have had a traditional role in this, our only money raising event, Jan will be talking to you to see if you are willing to help. *By Jan Porter*

# Church News & Events cont.



## Spread the Word!

Amie Acton asks that we spread the word about the reopening of the Office of the Aging Nutrition Site in Alfred on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00am until 1:00pm. **Call her to make reservations at 585.808.5201.**

## Shine On

Thanks to Deb & Rick Stephens our handbells will shine at the Centennial Service on Sunday, October 9, 2022.



**VETERANS DAY**

## Donations for the Bath VA

Looking ahead to Veterans Day the Diaconate will coordinate an outreach effort on behalf of veterans at the Bath VA Hospital. Please consider donating items listed below or if you prefer to donate money, please make your check out to UUC and indicate VA on the memo line. The following items will be accepted. This is a simple and easy way to thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Items are joyfully and thankfully received – the thought of being remembered brightens recipients' day.

### Items accepted by the Bath VA

Body wash  
Deodorant  
Regular coffee  
K-cups  
New fans or air conditioners  
Sweatpants (L-XL- 2XL-3XL-4XL)  
Sweatshirts (XL-2XL-3XL-4XL)  
TOPS, Walmart, Wegmans, or VISA gift cards  
Fast food gift certificates (\$5 or \$10)  
Car models and acrylic model paints  
Word search books  
New postage stamps  
**Used items cannot be accepted**

## Wanted...

The church is looking for a tall artificial Christmas tree to use in the sanctuary for the holidays. If you have one to loan or donate, please contact Laurel Buckwalter.



## October Board Members of the Month

Deacon.....Barb Willis (bjw2112@verizon.com; 607.382.8636)  
Elder.....Larry Casey (lcasey1834@gmail.com; 607.382.2772)  
BOCE.....TBD  
Fellowship.....TBD  
Trustee.....Jim Ninos (jninos@gmail.com; 607.661.9781)

**Who do you call?** Flowers or lay leading—call an Elder; greeting or coffee hour—call a Deacon; Sunday school—call BOCE; building issues—call a Trustee.



**October 8, 5:00pm Centennial Dinner at the Knight Club,  
Powell Campus Center.  
Centennial program begins at 7:00pm.**

**Dinner reservations are due no later than Sunday, Sept. 25.**  
John Buckwalter will provide shuttle service for those who may need transportation. Contact him at 607.968.0540.

## Upcoming Sunday Leaders

If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please switch with someone listed on the charts below and

Date	Greeters	Worship Leader	Flowers	Coffee	Usher
Oct 2	Willis	Porter	Mary Smith	Burdick	John Meacham
Oct 9	Cartledge	Casey (EOM)	Sharon Smith	Fellowship Board	John Meacham
Oct 16	Perkins	Slack	Cartledge	Burke	John Meacham
Oct 23	Vee Kallier	Watson	Stephens	Watson	John Meacham
Oct 30	Acton	Dewey	Slack	Edwards/Ninos	John Meacham
Nov 6	McDonough	Meacham (EOM)	Communion	Perkins	Jim Ninos
Nov 13	Burdick	Burdick	Burdick	Acton	Jim Ninos
Nov 20 Harvest Sunday	Bowden	Meissner	Meissner	Tucker	Jim Ninos
Nov 27 Advent 1 Hanging of Greens	Casey	Sharon Smith	Advent wreath	Burdick	Jim Ninos



*Mission of the Month*

Allegany Senior Foundation

*October is fresh-faced April beautifully aged to wisdom.*  
~Terri Guillemets

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 Worship	3	4	5 12pm Book Group 	6	7	8 5:00pm 
9 10:30 Worship 	10	11	12 12pm Book Group 	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship	17	18	19 12pm Book Group 	20	21	22
23 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 12pm Book Group 	27	28	29
30 10:30 Worship	31 					

# Just for Fun

## **Report from the Pastor Search Committee**

We do not have a happy report to give. We have not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect. Thank you for your suggestions. We have followed up on each one with interviews or by calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report.

ADAM: Good man but has problems with his wife. One reference told us how he and his wife enjoyed walking nude in the woods.

NOAH: Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

JOSEPH: A big thinker, but a braggart; believes in dream interpreting and has a prison record.

MOSES: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator; even stutters at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly in business meetings. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

DEBORAH: One word --- Female.

DAVID: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.

SOLOMON: Great preacher, but serious woman problem.

ELIJAH: Prone to depression; collapses under pressure.

HOSEA: A tender and loving pastor, but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.

JONAH: Told us he was swallowed up by a great fish. He said the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

AMOS: Too much of a country hick. Backward and unpolished. With some seminary training, he might have promise; but he has a hang-up against wealthy people.

JOHN: Says he is a Baptist but does not dress like one. May be too Pentecostal. Tends to lift both hands in the air to worship when he gets excited. You know we limit to one hand. Sleeps in the outdoors, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

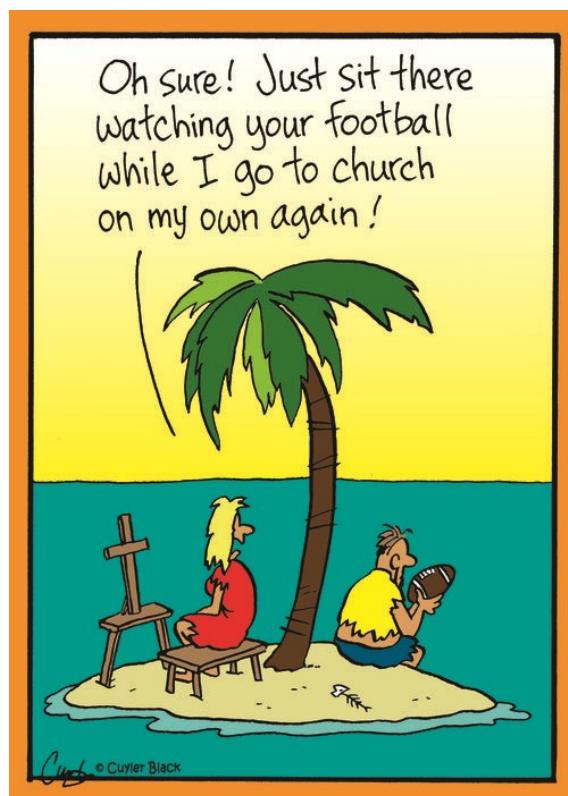
PETER: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper, even said to have cursed. He is a loose cannon.

PAUL: Powerful CEO type and fascinating preacher. However, he is short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh, and has been known to preach all night.

TIMOTHY: Too young.

JESUS: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000, He managed to offend them all; and his church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he is single.

JUDAS: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We are inviting him to preach this Sunday in view of a call.





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