

# THE UNION PRESS

## A LETTER FROM YOUR SESSION

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### REMINDER:

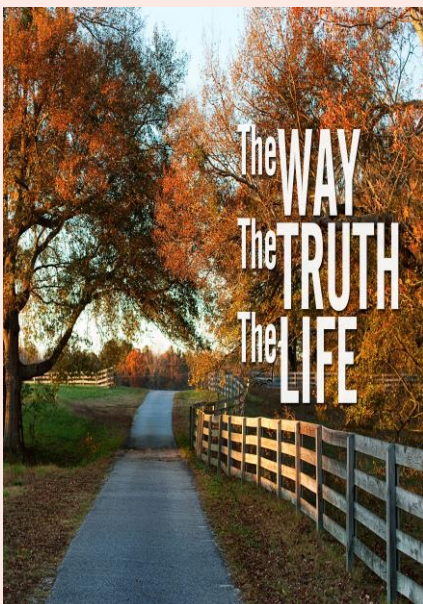
**Deadline for Newsletter  
Articles Is September 16<sup>th</sup>**

A panel of 3 pastors and 2 elders from EPC's Presbytery of the East Church Development Team met with the Session on August 9, 2018. There was fellowship over supper and a period of discussion and examination. Our beliefs that the Scriptures are the infallible word of God guiding faith and practice and the Westminster Confession of Faith is the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures were explored.

EPC's 7 Essentials of Our Faith define the core beliefs of the Christian Faith and must be accepted without exception. At the end of the evening the panel unanimously decided to recommend that the EPC Presbytery of the East accept Union at their 112th Stated Meeting on September 28 & 29, 2018, at the Covenant EPC, Simsbury, Connecticut.

Some of the Session will be attending the meeting on the 29th to be present for the acceptance. If anyone from the congregation would like to attend, please contact a Session member.

Please pray for the Session as we work to finalize the requirements of Union's dismissal from Donegal Presbytery. Donegal's next Stated Meeting is September 25, 2018 at Presbyterian Church in Airville, York County.



## SESSION HAPPENINGS

The Session met on July 11, 2018. No one from Donegal Presbytery attended the meeting. Presbytery did advise that we appoint a moderator from among the session and Ray Wallace was approved.

The ongoing dismissal process was discussed. Presbytery wants to add a reversion clause to the agreement whereby if we were to ever leave EPC we would automatically revert to PCUSA. PCUSA also wants to take possession of all of our historical records. We are trying to correct these items as they were not in our original 2014 agreement.

The session will meet with representatives of EPC to verify that UPC is compatible with the “Essentials of Faith” as espoused by The Evangelical Presbyterian Church and based on The Westminster Confession of Faith in early August. (see article in this “Press”)

It was agreed to have the oil tank filled as prices seem to be at a summer low. A discussion was had on who approved signers are on the checking accounts and also about the merits of using the “Quickbooks” accounting program. As all 6 session members came on at the same time in January, it was decided to assign member classes for future use and the upcoming need to appoint a nominating committee for 2019 as follows:

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Marty Greenleaf	Milt Whiteside	Arlene Hastings
Ken Beiler	Barbara Whyte	Ray Wallace

Communion will be held on July 22. The next one will be World Day of Communion, Oct. 7

The Church picnic will be held July, 29<sup>th</sup>. UPC will supply BBQ, hot dogs, drinks and place settings. Attendees to bring a covered dish.

There will be no booth at the Solanco Fair this year. The July 4<sup>th</sup> organ concert put on by Bob Trimble was well attended and much appreciated by the community. A snack time afterward was enjoyed by many.

The trustees reported that they have fixed about 25 of the emergency lights with either new batteries, bulbs or completely new units. Meeting closed with prayer.

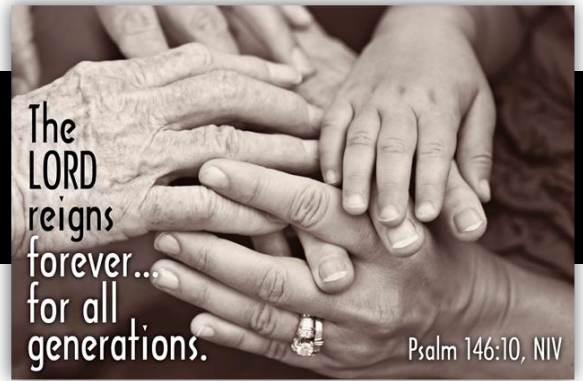
### FINANCIAL REPORT

**Giving for June and July: \$22,425**

**Expenses: \$13,604**

**(Keep in mind that a full-time minister would add about \$6000 / month)**

# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase	<b>3</b>  Labor Day	<b>4</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> 9:00 Art Class  7:00 Choir Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	<b>10</b> 1:00 Circle 1 & 2 7:00 Circle 3 7:00 Trustees	<b>11</b> 1:30 Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 9:00 Art Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – William Davies	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>19</b> 9:00 Art Class	<b>20</b> <b>FAIR</b> <b>21</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  6:30 Girl Scouts	<b>26</b> 9:00 Art Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase						

**SEPT. Flowers**

- 2 (Still Available)
- 9 Dwight & Cheryl Wallace
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- 23 Joe & Helen Pugh
- 30 Jim Hastings

**SEPT. Greeters**

- 2 Don & Dorothy Wood
- 9 Kenny & Judy Beiler
- 16 Jeanne Stone & Elsie Vaughan
- 23 Dan & Pat McCardell
- 30 Elmer & Faye Wade



**Lectionary Passages**

**September 2**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;  
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

**September 9**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;  
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**September 16**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;  
 Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**September 23**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;  
 Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**September 30**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;  
 Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 James Parmer  
Jason Parmer
- 2 Richard Harvey Sr.  
Arienne Wrigley
- 3 Jim Nickle
- 4 Una Todd
- 5 Tyler McCardell
- 6 Jean Ressel
- 8 Jordan Reyburn Jr.  
Robert Slodki
- 9 Jean Williams
- 11 Gayle Graziano
- 12 Jesse Holmes
- 13 Anna Marie Violet Rineer
- 14 Ken Beiler
- 16 Jimmie Ann Graver
- 17 Ethan Whiteside
- 18 Arlene Swinehart  
Vicki Jackson
- 19 Beatrice Hurt
- 20 Holly Reyburn  
Anna Reyburn
- 21 Carl Weicksel
- 23 Jared Kent Scotten
- 24 Sabrina Miller  
Pauline Ray
- 25 Jeffrey Jackson Jr.  
Andrea Dougherty
- 26 Judy Phillips
- 29 Justin Nickle
- 30 Julia Wade  
Dylan Graziano

**September Food Bank**

- Mayonnaise
- Olive oil
- Single serve cereals
- Diapers size 4
- Baby wipes





## ATTENTION EVERYONE AND ANYONE!!!

Two Bible Studies will start in September. For your convenience, one meets at 1 pm. on Monday, September 10 and at the second at 7 pm. that evening. The study will continue with "Big God. Little Me" about the life of Paul. In September the focus will be on "bigger Than my Expectations" Acts 13, 14.

Please join your friends for study and fellowship!



## *The Joys of Music*



**Thank  
You**

Thank you to Mr. Bob Trimble and all who made it possible for the wonderful organ concert held at Union Church on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

While Bob is the person who tickled the ivories so expertly many others worked together keeping the organ in good working order. Thank you to those who keep the church neat, tidy, and alive, and those who prepared a wonderful time of fellowship and food.

Thank you for providing this wonderful opportunity for the Kingdom of God to shine forth into our world.

~Elaine Swinehart

Thank you very much for all the prayers and beautiful flowers that Union sent.

~ Diane Hastings

Thank you all for your prayers and support the past few months. I appreciate the prayers, concerns and food as I have had my recovery from my first surgeries and went through my major surgery. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

~ Andrea Nixon

We appreciate the visits, fruit basket, and flowers we've received. We are glad the functions of the church are going forward.

~Verne & Janet Dougherty

Charlotte, thank you so much for the visit. We appreciate the beautiful church flowers, the food, cards and all the special things you do.

~ Joe & Helen Pugh

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We recently launched an electronic (e-mail) news update for Union members and friends. It allows us to keep you updated on what is going on at Union, in addition to quickly getting information out on things like cancellations. We are currently using it to keep people informed about our pulpit supply for the week and upcoming events as well as other pertinent information. If you have not been receiving the "Union E-News" call the office at 717-529-2000 or email [upc@epix.net](mailto:upc@epix.net) to have your email (or a friends) added! (This is different and in addition to the e-mail prayer chain which still continues.)

## Sunday School Parking For Everyone

