



July 25, 2010



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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ.

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## Leading in Worship

Rev. Dr. Kathy Westmoreland, *pastor*

Ed Valeska, *liturgist*

Alex Mendelsohn, *director of music*

Dr. Josh Nemith, *accompanist*

Greeters: Barb & Morris Gorrell

Valet Parking: Larry Denny

Flowers: If you are interested in ordering flowers, contact the church office at 347-4613 or there is a sign up sheet outside the office door.

## Worship Notes

**Prayer concerns** can be shared through the yellow cards in each pew rack. Please pass these to the aisle, where they will be collected by an usher and included in the Prayers of the People.

**Children** in the fifth grade and under are invited forward for the Children's Message. Afterward, the children in the fifth grade and under leave for Children's Church where they continue to hear the message with age-appropriate activities.

**Children's Bulletins** are available from the greeters. Green Children's Bulletins are for ages 3-6 years. Blue Children's Bulletins are for ages 7-12 years. Children are encouraged to take their bulletins home after Worship every Sunday.

**Worship Kits for Children, Ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are available in the Narthex.** Please return the worship kits and their contents to the baskets after Worship service.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. All baptized believers are welcome to receive this sacrament regardless of church affiliation. Children are welcome to receive as well, with their parents' permission. Please note that both wine and juice are served. Wine is red in color, and juice is white. There is gluten free bread on the bread plates.

**Individual Assistive Hearing Devices** are available and can be picked up in the sound booth.

**Name Tags** for our guests can be obtained from the greeters at the church entrance. All church members are asked to wear name tags so our guests can become acquainted with us more easily.

**Cell Phones:** Please turn off your cell phones in worship as their signals can cause interference with our sound system.

*Wherever there is an \* in our service this is where you can stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

### Council/Session Members

Renee Kreisa.....President	John Stancil..... Human Resources Committee
John Stancil.....Vice President	Bob Murphy & Carol Thomas, co-chairs.....
Mary Anne McMillan.....Secretary/Clerk	.....Learning Center Committee
Dick Arn..... Financial Secretary	Linda Denny & Larry Denny, co-chairs.....
Judy Witherby.....Treasurer	.....Membership Committee
Larry Findlay.....Building & Facilities Committee	Carolyn Brinkerhoff..... Memorial Committee
Lori Vetter.....Christian Education Committee	Jeff McSwain.....Mission Committee
Cindy Seery.....Fellowship Committee	Kim Conn & Mary Ann Jacobs, co-chairs.....
Dick Arn.....Finance & Stewardship Committee	.....Outreach Committee
	Barb Scheibling.....Worship Committee

### The Ministry Team at St. John's Westminster Union Church

Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Kathy Barlow Westmoreland	Director of Day Care.....Theresa Mock
Director of Family Ministry.....Julie Chowning	Director of Preschool.....Ann Elleh
Accompanist.....Dr. Josh Nemith	Learning Center Business Director.....Michelle Fischli
Church Secretary.....Beverly Jostworth	Building Maintenance.....Art Schneider
Pastoral Assistant.....Woody Pemberton	.....Dick Worthing
Nursery.....Kris Freppon	.....Cindy Seery

## Welcome, Alex Mendelsohn Our New Director of Music

This morning we welcome Alex as he begins his music ministry among us.

Alex comes to us from Sycamore Presbyterian Church where he has been the Assistant Director of Music Ministries since 2007. He is also the Manager of Community Learning for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and has in the past taught music in the Cincinnati Public Schools. Alex is a graduate of CCM in music education and organ performance. Among the things Alex would like you to know about him are:

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Grew up in Northminster Presbyterian Church where I first fell in love with organ, handbells, and choirs
- Lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1993-1999
- Birthday is July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Hobbies include cycling, reading, and dabbling in all sorts of domestic activities, oh yeah, and music
- Currently trying to learn how to play bagpipes
- Cincinnati favorites: Dewey's Pizza & Aglamesis ice cream (and I prefer Skyline over Gold Star) **-Okay Westsiders- introduce him to the best pizza and ice cream over here!**
- World favorites: traveling to Paris and all things French
- If I had an endless amount of spare time, I would spend it traveling.
- If I could attempt to do anything other than what I do, I would be a medical ethicist. or maybe a monk.
- Things I love: the number (or multiples of) 3; sharing a good laugh/smile/hug; sharing a good bottle of wine; perfectly in tune musical intervals; learning new things; live music or other performances; Seeing people be creative and excited

Take time this morning to introduce yourself and welcome Alex to The Union Church!

Alex' contact information is: Phone—513-476-4941

Email—sordun8@gmail.com

## Blood Pressure Screening

Today after worship there will be blood pressure screening in the library.



## High School Pool Party TODAY

The High School pool party for grades 9-12 will be at Ben & Jo Ann Neidich's house TODAY from 1-4pm. Parents do not need to stay with this age group. Those whose last names begin with A-L please bring snacks to share and M-Z please bring drinks to share.

Please sign up in the Narthex on the hexagonal table so we know how many to expect or call Julie Chowning at 519-1923.

## August MANNA Item

For the month of August MANNA is collecting *Cereals*. *Diapers and Similac* are two items that are needed every month. There is a barrel in the narthex right around the corner of the library cart. for your food donation.



## Adult Small Group Ministry

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise stated.

### Book Club

3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Jennifer Mathis at 922-5742 or Carolyn Brinkerhoff at 922-8202.

### Lunch Bunch

2nd Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m.  
at local restaurant

Contact Mil Murphy at 922-7711

### Working Women's Night Out

4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Shirley Pemberton at Shirley.Pemberton@cchmc.org or Mary Ann Jacobs at majacobs@ritter-randolph.com

### Young at Heart

2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at local restaurant and Bible Study afterward  
Contact Marge & Jerry Vetter at 922-4664

### Stamping Group

First Friday of month at 7:00 p.m.

Make cards, gift tags, bags, etc.  
Contact Shirley Pemberton at 941-5821

or at Shirley.Pemberton@cchmc.org

### Women's Circle

Not meeting till fall

Contact Jennifer Mathis at 922-5742

### Women of the Union Church

Not meeting till fall

Contact Jennifer Mathis at 922-5742.

### Men's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact Ed Valeska at 921-8253

### Greenthumbs

2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

### Health Ministry

Meet quarterly during year at 7:00 pm

Contact Mary Ann Jacobs at majacobs@ritter-randolph.com

### Knitting Circle

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Cindy Seery at 922-7116  
cseery72@gmail.com

### Flying Solo

2nd & 4th Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Earl Kreisa at 941-7775

St. John's Westminster Union Church  
Worship to the Glory of God  
**Sunday, July 25, 2010**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**We Gather Together**

Gathering Songs

**Come, Now Is the Time to Worship  
Morning Has Broken**

(#5 red hymnal)

Welcome

In the Life of the Church

**Our Worship Begins with The Trinity Chimes**

Lighting the Peace Candle

Prelude

**We Come Into God's Presence with Praise**

Call to Worship

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**People: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

\*Worship Songs

**O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

(#442 red hymnal)

\*Prayer of Invocation

(You may be seated.)

**Confessing Our Sin**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger for friendship. We give our hand-me-downs away, but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away. We glad-hand those just like us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who 'talk funny.' Forgive us, Hope of the ages. You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Response

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

(#400 red hymnal)

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!**

**Thou art the potter, I am the clay!**

**Mold me and make me after Thy will,**

**While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

## God's Word for Us Today

From the Hebrew Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

(pew Bible, pg. 786)

Children's Message

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (using "sins" and "those who sin against us")

From the Gospels: Matthew 25: 31-46

(pew Bible, pg. 1171)

Message

## Meeting Jesus

## Our Response to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA))

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord  
Offertory

\*Doxology

(#625 blue hymnal)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Going Out With God's Blessing

\*Closing Hymn

**Shout to the North**

\*Benediction

\*Our Response

**Song of Hope**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

\*Postlude



## This Week at Our Church

### Sunday 7/25/10

*Welcome New Director of Music*

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening, 11:00 a.m.

### Monday 7/26/10

Flying Solo, 10:00 a.m.

Golf, 4:35 p.m.

Mission Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday 7/27/10

Working Women, 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday 7/29/10

Knitting Group , 7:00 p.m.

## Garden Flowers

Anyone who has garden flowers and would like to donate them to the church, please call Diane Clark of the Flower Committee at 256-2881. We would love to use fresh garden flowers in our sanctuary for as long as they are available.

## Have You Been Looking For the Mission Containers?

We are now keeping the containers for the empty RX bottles, pull tabs, unused greeting cards, and MANNA items in the narthex area just around the corner from the library cart under the coat rack on the side by the office.

## Join Us For A Morning For Mission!

**On Saturday, August 14**, we will be heading to Cincy Gardens Green, an urban gardening ministry in the Roselawn community. They are working to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to this community as well as teach gardening techniques to those in the neighborhood. We will be helping with the raised bed gardens as well as anything else that is needed.

We will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. and be back by around noon. If you think you would be interested in helping with this mission, please sign up on the hexagonal table in the narthex.

## Save the Date!

### The Vendor Fair Returns!

**Saturday, September 18 9-3 p.m.**

If you are a church member and would like a space contact Tila Stancil at: 467-9252

### Donate Your Books To Sell At the Vendor Fair!

We are hoping to have a table to sell used books at the Vendors' Fair . But we need your books! Please bring in books and place in the box around the corner from the library cart. Proceeds from the event will benefit the General Fund and the Mission Fund.

Please make sure all donated reading material is appropriate.

Questions? Ask Carolyn Brinkerhoff at 922-8202

## Change For A Change

Our August Change for a Change mission monies will go toward **Living Hope Transitional Homes**—A non-profit organization to provide a loving, secure environment for women and their children in transition from homelessness to stable, independent living.

## Bridges of Faith is Coming BACK!

### Bridging Ceremony During Worship

All children who participated in Bridges of Faith during the 2009/2010 year and are moving from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school are asked to attend worship on **Sunday, August 29th** so that they can participate in this ceremony marking their achievements in the Bridges program. If you have any questions please contact Julie Chowning at 347-4613 or [jchowning@msn.com](mailto:jchowning@msn.com)

### Fall Session of Bridges of Faith

Announcing the dates for the fall session of Bridges of Faith, our midweek program for K-8th grade & adults, **Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-7:15pm beginning Wednesday, October 6th-Wednesday, December 15th**. Dinner will run from 5:30pm-6:15pm followed by the programming for each age group.

### Bridges of Faith Teachers-We need YOU!

If you are interested in helping lead our young people but don't want to miss Sunday worship, here's your chance! We need teachers for Bridges of Faith Wednesday evenings. We have rotating teachers so you won't have to teach every week but I need people to volunteer so we can fill the spots. If you're willing to give it a shot I promise you'll enjoy this as much as they do. Contact Julie Chowning at 347-4613 or [jchowning@msn.com](mailto:jchowning@msn.com)

## School Age Summer Camp Is Happening Now!

The Learning Center School Age Summer Camp is running now through the end of August. We have children playing inside and outside Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. *If you will be driving on the church property during this time, Please Drive Carefully and please park in the lower lot on the cemetery side.*

## Union Church Golf League

The Union Church Golf League Winners for July 19 are: Liz Arn, Jeff Vetter, Patrick Larkin and Dick Worthing. Congratulations!

## Mission Trip 2010: Hammerin' in the Hills October 21-25

This fall we will be traveling to Hazard, Kentucky to work with the Housing Development Alliance. While there we will work on new home construction and/or home repair. No construction experience is required. Repairs range from painting homes to building wheelchair ramps and porches. With new homes, work will be with various phases of construction, from shingling to framing floors to cleaning up and landscaping. We will also need a small team of cooks, as we are responsible for preparing our own meals, and packing our own lunches.

We will leave on Thursday in the late afternoon, and return on Monday by evening. Sunday will be a Sabbath day for us, when we can enjoy the local state park or other recreation as the group chooses.

Accommodations vary, depending on the size of our group. There are cots/bunk beds, again depending on our group size.

**If you think you would be interested, see Pastor Kathy for an information packet.**

## Our Daily Bread

If you would like to serve lunch at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen on the 3rd Friday of the month, call Barb Scheibling at 941-7800.

## Do You Like To Cook?

## Do You Love Serving Your Neighbors?

## Then Martha's Meals is a Ministry For You!

This ministry provides meals to members who have been ill in the hospital, families with a new born or other special needs. If you'd be willing to be on the call list, contact Heather Abrams at 236-5944 or email here at mombaha@yahoo.com

## Hospice Is Seeking Volunteers

Hospice of Cincinnati, Western Hills is seeking volunteers to provide spiritual care in our Western Hills inpatient care center (located on the 5th floor of the Mercy Hospital Western Hills) as well as in long term care facilities.

A special training is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th at our Blue Ash facility located at 4310 Cooper Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Pre-registration is required by August 1st. If you can help please contact Judy Russell, Volunteer Services at 792-6989 or email Judy\_Russell@trihealth.com as soon as possible.



## Mission Team Stopover July 31st and August 7th

A high school mission team from St. Peters United Church of Christ in Elmhurst, IL will be staying overnight on our campus on Saturday nights July 31st and August 7th on their way to and from Crosby, Tennessee. There will be 20 youth and 5 adults. We would like to provide a simple breakfast for them on Sunday mornings, August 1st and 8th. If you would be willing to provide some part of that please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

Thank you! If you have questions, see Pastor Kathy or Julie Chowning.

Yes! I'd like to do my part to host the Mission Team!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

I will provide \_\_\_\_\_

I Can Help on:

August 1st \_\_\_\_\_

August 8th \_\_\_\_\_

### To Our Guests

We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us today. If you would like us to know of your presence, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the Pastor. We hope you have enjoyed your time here and will return again soon!

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

Name	Age/Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is this your  
 first visit?  second visit?

Are you new to the area?  
 yes  no

How did you learn about St. John's  
 Westminster?

- Friend
- Newspaper
- Neighborhood location
- Yellow Pages
- Other

Would you like to speak to or have  
 a visit from the Pastor?

yes  no

Are you looking for a church in  
 which to worship and serve?

yes  no

### Please remember the following members in your prayers:

#### At Home

Selma Koester  
 Ann Erdman  
 Mary Howell  
 Chuck Ave  
 Bonni Valeska  
 Nell Silbernagel  
 Bob Bauman  
 Lois Zechmeister  
 Dottie Denny

#### Nursing Home

Betty Kinman  
 Nina Land  
 Irma Pye

#### Friends & Relatives

Vida McMichael  
 Brooklyn Lonneman  
 Chris Vetter  
 Gus Laskos  
 Rick  
 Bernie Wischer Family  
 Paul Stiemle  
 Caden Vetter  
 Kay Burton  
 Dee Pennington

#### Friends & Relatives

Isabella Battle  
 Dorothy Francis  
 Beth Carpenter  
 Mark Freppon  
 Kathy Tribble  
 Mark Brungs  
 Adalynn Greer (baby)  
 Pam Pascoff  
 Wayne Wubbolding

**Please notify  
 office of  
 changes  
 to names on  
 list.**

#### Those in Military

Sgt. Anthony Pruitt  
 David Kuprion  
 Brett Taylor  
 Brandon Pruett  
 Daniel Trump  
 Rick Vollmor  
 Michael Francis

and all  
 men & women  
 serving our country.

### Liturgist, & Greeters

#### for next week, August 1

Liturgist:  
 Greeters: Sue Lalosh &  
 Patti Loew  
 Valet Parking: Ed Valeska

### Remembering Our Sister Churches in Prayer

Glendale First Presbyterian  
 UCC in Oakley  
 BLOC Ministries

### This Week's Birthdays

#### July

29th Mary Lou Gray  
 30th Bev Jostworth  
 Elizabeth McKnight  
 Jim Murphy  
 Nick Zechmeister



### We're Recycling Paper! Make Every Page Count

We have placed blue PAPER Recycling containers in each room and the church entrance for your papers. Bring your papers from home and take them directly to the large outdoor bin along side the daycare building.

We will take: Newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers, mail, white envelopes—with or without windows.

Items **NOT** accepted: **NO plastic, NO Glass, NO Metals, NO Trash, NO cardboard, NO cereal/soda cartons, NO food wrap/containers, NO tissue products, and NO phone books.**