

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

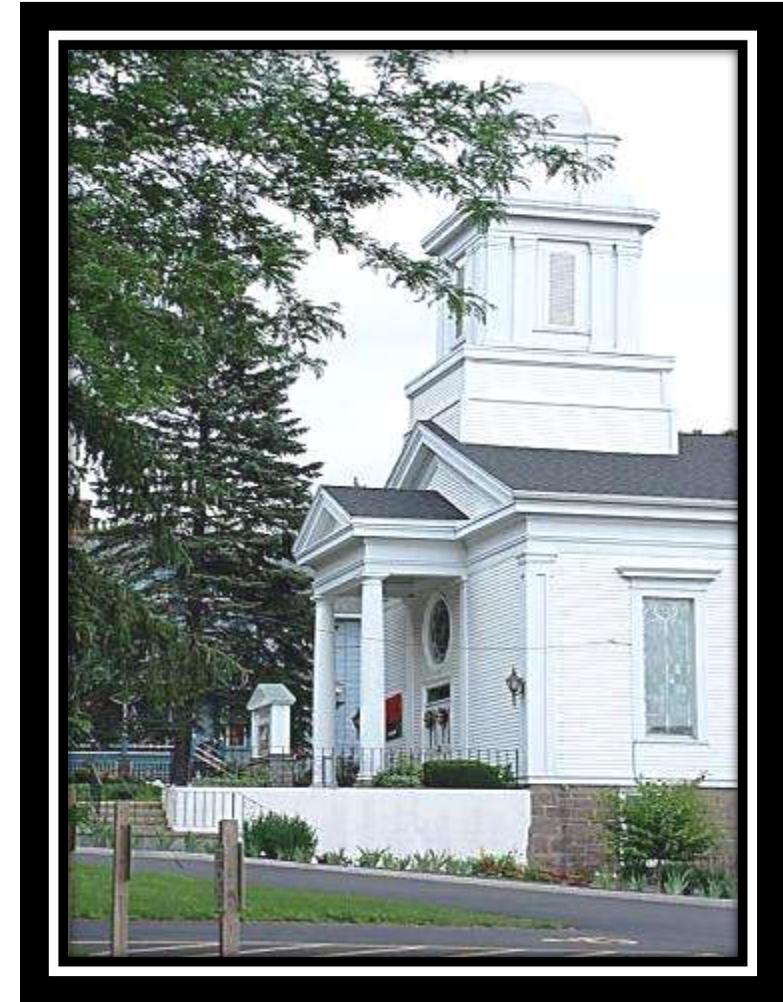
Sunday, June 19, 2022

Call For A Special Meeting:

The Trustees are calling a special meeting of Union Congregational United Church of Christ of Churchville, New York to be held on Sunday July 10, 2022, immediately following the service of worship at 10:45 a.m., in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to obtain approval of expenditure of funds for two necessary repairs/upgrades to the church. Item one is for the purpose of replacement of a non-functioning heating/air conditioning unit located in the lower hall. Trustees are requesting the expenditure of no more than \$8500 to complete the purchase and installation of the unit. Item two is for necessary upgrades to maintain the operation of the church fire alarm system. Trustees are requesting the expenditure of no more than \$6400 to complete the purchase and installation of the needed upgrade expenditures.

If you are unable to attend, you may request an absentee ballot from the church secretary by calling 293-1665 as soon as possible. The absentee ballot will be mailed to you, or it can be picked up in the church office, during office hours. All ballots must be received at church by Friday, July 8, 2022, by mailing it to the church office (Union Congregational Church PO Box 123, Churchville, NY 14428) or dropping it off during church office hours. We encourage those who feel comfortable attending the meeting in person, to please attend. We need a quorum of 25 people to be able to hold the meeting.

Additional information will be available in the church newsletter and paper copies available in the church sanctuary.



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us



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June 19, 2022

10:00 AM

*Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or spirit

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: In Christ, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female. In him, we are one, liberated by his love:

P: In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God.

L: In his death, Jesus proclaimed liberty to the captives:

P: In Jesus' life among us, we have to come to know the truth of God's love, and that truth has set us free.

L: Come now and let us worship the one to whom we belong:

P: Amen! Let us worship our God together.

***Anthem:** "Jesus Loves the Little Children," led by Steve Valvano

Blessing of Our Gifts

P: Gracious God, take these gifts that we offer and make them go further than we could ever send them on our own. Use them and use us, we pray, to bring love, justice, and peace to the world around us:

L: Receive our gifts, O God, and bless them, we pray. May they speed the coming of your kingdom in our community. Amen.

Juneteenth Reading: "won't you celebrate with me?" by Lucille Clifton

won't you celebrate with me / what i have shaped into / a kind of life? i had no model. / born in babylon / both nonwhite and woman / what did i see to be except myself? / i made it up / here on this bridge between / starshine and clay, / my one hand holding tight / my other hand; come celebrate / with me that everyday / something has tried to kill me / and has failed:

Prayer of the Day

L: Thankfully we praise you, O God, for your liberating power that broke shackles of oppression and restored humanity to the disenfranchised. Make us instruments of grace to resist slavery in all its forms, that no soul shall be denied the right to thrive and fully realize their divine purpose in you:

P: Liberating God, we pray for change. Lord Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still in

the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Holy Spirit, guide us in the love Jesus revealed to establish divine justice, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: 4, 6b-7a, OT pg 875

L: For the Word of God in scripture:

P: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-28, NT pg 181

L: For the Word of God among us:

P: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39, NT pg 64

L: God is still speaking to us through the living Word:

P: Thanks be to God.

Reflection: "We Are No Longer Subjects" by Pastor Bradley Klug

Special Music: "Jesus Loves Me," performed by Steve and Sam

Prayers

Prayers of the people

L: Lord, in your mercy:

P: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer: Litany for a Juneteenth Father's Day

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song:** "If I had a hammer," led by Steve Valvano

*Benediction

L: May God grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression:

P: May God help us to resist the evil of human bondage in all its forms

L: Let us to use our freedom in Christ to bring justice among peoples everywhere:

P: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Now our service is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

P: Amen! Thanks be to God.

Postlude