

News Update This Week...

Mardi Gras: Please join us on Tuesday evening, March 5th at the BPCC for a fun evening of celebration before the beginning of Lent: 5:30pm Social, 6:00pm Potluck Buffet, BYO Beverage (A \$10 donation in lieu of "pot" is suggested.) To register, check your email for Invitation or speak with Eileen Foley or Ken Murray. Volunteers needed to assist with various tasks. Please plan to wear your finest masks, beads, and hats.

Lent: Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Join us at 6pm at Union Church for our Ash Wednesday Service.

HEAP: Heating Energy Assistance Program. If you know someone who could use assistance in York County, please have them contact (207) 459-2950.

Storm Cancellations Info: Will be posted on *channel 6 WCSH and on the WCSH website under Storm Cancellations or via an email sent by the Moderator when the decision is made on Sat. or Sunday morning.*

For Your Reflection:

St. John of the Cross, 16th century

"In the evening, we will be judged on love."

Dorothy Day, 20th century

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community."

Jean Vanier, Community And Growth, 20th century

"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing."

M. Scott Peck, The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace, 20th century "The overall purpose of human communication is--or should be--reconciliation. It should ultimately serve to lower or remove the walls of misunderstanding which unduly separate us human beings, one from another."

Marcus J. Borg, The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith, 20th century "God wills our liberation, our exodus from Egypt. God wills our reconciliation, our return from exile. God wills our enlightenment, our seeing. God wills our forgiveness, our release from sin and guilt. God wills that we see ourselves as God's beloved. God wills our resurrection, our passage from death to life. God wills for us food and drink that satisfy our hunger and thirst. God wills, comprehensively, our well-being--not just my well-being as an individual but the well-being of all of us and of the whole of creation. In short, God wills our salvation, our healing, here on earth."

Leadership of Union Church:

Moderator: Paul Schlaver; **Treasurer:** Ada Goff; **Clerk:** Anita Coupe; **Deacons:** Katie Koles, chair, Eve McPheeters, Beth Baskin, Stephen Fox, Chris Sorrentino, Rev. Lamar Robinson; **Trustees:** Bob Sherman, chair, Tom Craven, Cris Hudson, Bill Stepchew, Rob Harriman and Dennis Tallagnon; **Finance:** Doug Firebaugh, Ada Goff, Peter McPheeters, chair, Brad Coupe, Bob Sherman; **Music Director:** Michelle Currie; **Choir Director:** Patricia Mulholland; **Musical Team:** Andrea Wollstadt, Jen and John Comeau, Ada Goff, Chris Humphrey, Neal Zweig and Cheryl Sager. **Pastor:** Paula Norbert; **Program Chair & Mission Chair:** Ken Murray; **Promotions Person:** Anita Coupe; **Fellowship Chairs:** Chris Sorrentino and Eileen Foley; **Webmaster:** Steve Bradford.