PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28
9:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

As Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus’ life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring “hosannas.” By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Journey with us through Holy Week at Union Lutheran Church. We will begin with having palms available to place at the cross outside on Palm Sunday.

A CALLED MEETING of the CONGREGATION will be held following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, March 28. The purpose of the meeting will be reviewing and approving the 2021 Yearbook.

Holy Week information is continued on page 3.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year beginning on Monday afternoon, March 29, we will have the opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross for meditation and prayer. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethsemane to Golgatha. This can be a moving experience for individuals and families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus. A booklet will be available before the first station to guide you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
3:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus’ last supper with his disciples where he institutes what the church knows as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.
Lift High the Cross!
Wishing you a blessed Easter Season!

A few years ago, I gave up dessert for Lent. Believe me I could not wait for Easter Sunday! As the day was approaching, I began imagining a four layer cake soaked in real chocolate and lathered with freshly whipped cream. No imitation stuff – just the real thing! The mere thought of it made me drool. Hmmm… I have always had a weakness for chocolate and dessert (after all it does contain several of the basic food groups; coco bean = vegetable, egg = protein, butter = dairy, flour = starch), but never thought that I would actually crave it. Giving it up for Lent however, had made me aware of how much I liked it.

Every time that I was tempted to cheat a bit, an annoying little voice in my head would ask, “Well, did Jesus take time off from his road to the cross? Did he tell the soldiers to just hang tight for a bit because he was going to take a break from all this torture and pain?” The answer is most definitely, “NO!” Instead surrounded by the betrayal of his closest friends, his disciples, Jesus institutes the most sacred means of grace – Holy Communion. “Eat this… drink this… this is my body, this is my blood… for you!” (paraphrased from Mark 14:22-24). Knowing clearly what was about to happen, Jesus freely accepted what would happen. He willingly embraced the unpleasant future, because he understood it to be God’s will. It was what the Scriptures had revealed. Despite all of his natural reservations and fears, Jesus still offered himself as the sacrifice to restore us and draw us back into relation with God. Jesus was very aware of his reality and he responded in faith!

What would have happened if he had succumbed to fear?

We may not be facing a crucifixion but we do find ourselves in conflict situations within the ugliness and sordidness of the world and our lives and the mess that we sometimes make of it all. However, God reaches out to us, not from a distance, but from the cross! Jesus even said, “In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world: (John 16:33). On the cross Jesus cried out with a plea for each one of us… for we do not know what we are doing (Luke 23:34). From this moment on we are set free and God no longer holds anything against us. God forgives! It is altogether the work of God. God does it all; it does not depend upon us; Jesus reaches down to us altogether out of God’s own grace.

So I urge you to lift high the cross and proclaim the love of Christ! To tell the story of this God who gave his son to die for us (John 3:16) so that we may not walk through life fearing the future! The reality is that the cross is in the centre of our world. It is not removed, beyond or above the malice and filth of the world but stands as a shining and beaming light of love and hope. We are indeed “saved by grace” (Ephesians 2:8)!

Come and worship with us! Come and fill the pews at both Easter Services and every Sunday after that. Let us “Lift High the Cross” of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Blessed Easter from your Pastor,

Heidi Punt
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2
3:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus’ life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity’s sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

Following the evening Good Friday service, we will have a PRAYER VIGIL. A prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. As an act of public witness, it offers the community a space to connect with God so that God’s vision for love and justice can be carried out through us.

Union understands prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness.

If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Also, on Good Friday, our youth will have a Lock-in at 7:30 p.m. We invite the Congregation to sponsor a youth member (funds will go towards Youth Retreats/Trips).

If you would like to participate by sponsoring the youth or can assist with the Lock-in, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex or contact Pastor Heidi. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Schedule:
7:30 a.m. Prayer Service
at the Columbarium
8:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Breakfast
(during the Sunday School hour)
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus’ kingdom principles. This Good News is something we have no choice but to respond to.

Holy Week information is continued on page 4.
The Worship & Music Committee invites you to help us bring spring in the Sanctuary this Easter Sunday, April 4. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to members bringing in their own beautiful spring potted flowers. Examples are tulips, hydrangeas, geraniums, peace lily, gerbera daisies, etc.

Also, on Easter we invite you to come and bring your floral offering to decorate the cross. (Pick something from your yard...a branch, a flower – it’s done to the glory of God.)

2021 CHURCH YEARBOOKS
Our 2021 Church Yearbooks are available in the Narthex. Ushers will handout as you enter the Sanctuary.

Please bear in mind that this is a working directory and not an official roll of the congregation. We hope it is correct, but would be glad to know of any errors you may find so that we may make corrections. The only way we may know of any change in your address is that you or a member of your family keep us informed. Please do us this favor.

Correction for Yearbook:
Ruth Goodman’s 704-636-0992
Richard Shue 704-310-7429

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and to make new ones in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM, and there are age appropriate classes for children, teens, and adults alike.

Please remember to practice social distancing.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.
Drew Wise Sunday School Class


Easter Breakfast during Sunday School
April 11 The Faith-In-Action - Ezekiel 18:25-32; Ezra 9-10; Ezra 10:1-12
April 25 The Nation’s Plea - Lamentations 3:22-33; Lamentations 5
Friday Game Night April Schedule
5:30 p.m.
No Friday Game Night on April 2.
April 16 and 30 in The Old Pine Center

Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5.

During the month of April, please see Doris Page for an application for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. Deadline to turn in applications is Sunday, April 25.

Acts Bible Study will continue to meet during the month of April on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in The Old Pine Center.

Thursday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.
Good Timers will meet on Thursday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. The program will be entitled “Baby, Oh Baby!” Each person planning to attend is asked to provide a baby, or early childhood picture to Frank or Dawn Merrell no later than EASTER SUNDAY. After trying to guess who is who, each person will be asked to share a VERY EARLY childhood memory with the group. So plan to laugh, have fun, and enjoy a walk down memory lane in April.

If you aren’t a member of Good Timers, now is the time to join. There is PLENTY of room for new members – don’t be bashful. Come join in the fun!!

Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee will meet on Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Calling ALL YOUTH, you are invited to attend a Youth Event on Sunday, April 11, from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. More information will be coming soon!

Lay Ministers will meet Wednesday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

A Carolinas Mission Region Youth Event will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please note: both Fellowship Halls have been reserved from Saturday, April 17-April 24.

The Long Range Planning Committee is pleased to announce a Spring Yard Sale, Bake Sale, and Car Wash to be held on Saturday, April 24, from 8 am to 1 pm. If you are interested in donating items for the yard sale, please contact Brad Huffman (704-798-2528) or Phil Cauble (704-213-0646). Those who would like to make baked goods should be in touch with Kay Morgan (704-633-5773).

Proceeds from the Yard Sale and Bake Sale will go toward the Narthex Expansion Project. Proceeds from the Car Wash will benefit the Youth Mission Fund.
Union Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 24, 2021
Church-wide
Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Spring Yard Sale
Yard Sale
8am until 1pm

Car Wash starts
at 10am

Enjoy hot dogs & chips while you shop!

4770 Bringle Ferry Road Salisbury, NC 28146
During this period of COVID-19, it is important to keep up with spiritual disciplines like Bible reading, prayer, and giving. Tithes and offerings may be given Online (A service fee is charged for using Online giving.) (https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/).

You may also drop off, place in Sundays’ offering basket, or mail checks payable to Union Evangelical Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!

Loose Offering on Sundays is distributed to: 1st Sunday (Social Ministry Fund), 2nd Sunday (Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund), 3rd Sunday (Building and Repair Fund), and 4th Sunday (Lutheridge Scholarship Fund).

Did you know that the Mission Team will mail out cards (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.

The Narthex Expansion Project is complete and it is time to work toward repaying the funds borrowed from our General Fund. The money is to be paid back without interest over a maximum of ten (10) years. The calculated payment is $1,006.00/month. Let’s praise God for our beautiful new addition and work to get this paid back as soon as possible.

All BENEVOLENCE envelope offerings for April will be designated for Water Mission. Water Mission are a team of builders. As engineers, marketers, implementers, fundraisers, volunteers and donors, each of us is building an important piece of a solution that lasts. Each engineering plan, pipe fitting, and installation is a piece of a solution that God is using to place communities around the world back to where He intended them to be. We believe we are following His blueprint. God never intended for some to have safe water and others to suffer. So each of our actions—in partnership with yours—adds up to lives saved. Union hopes you will include a donation in your giving for this much needed service.

The Good Timers were asked during their February Meeting to begin saving “J” dollars. These are dollar bills with the letter “J” printed to the left of George Washington’s picture. We invite anyone to participate in this event. The House of Hope (due to COVID and many problems) fell behind on their last payments, so more money is needed for the next payment. “Jesus” dollars will be collected in June so that they may be sent for the July payments. Thank you for your support.
Those Serving in April

**Acolytes:** Abbey and Morgan Deaton

**Altar Guild:** Ashley Deaton and Nikki Nguyen

**Communion Assistants:** Ashley and Morgan Deaton ~ Nikki Nguyen

**Lay Readers:** Abbey, Ashley, and Morgan Deaton

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), John Kesler, and Wayne Vellines

**Offering Counting Team:** Jennifer Curlee ~ Doris Shepherd ~ Wayne Vellines

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**Altar Flowers in April** are open for reservations. Please sign up in the Narthex and contact the church office.

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**Monthly Newsletter Changes**

To reduce expenses for printing, postage, and copier malfunctions, our monthly Newsletter will be available for members and friends by:

1. Picking up on the last Sunday of the month in the Narthex.
2. Emailing Adobe pdf file
3. Mailing to those requesting, shut-ins, and those out of town.

Please contact the church office of how you would like to receive the newsletter if you haven’t done so already.

Thank you!

Genevieve Baker, UELC Staff Support

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**Youth Mission Trip**

June 20-26 our youth, adults, and Pastor Heidi will be participating in a Youth Mission Trip in Gilbert, SC.

Through Group Mission Trips Work Camps each day will have a theme. Sunday is Worth It, Monday is Worth, Tuesday is Lost, Wednesday is Found, Thursday is Loved, and Friday is Celebrate.

Total cost for 8 people is $3,744. Of this $400 has been paid and $3,344 is remaining. If you would like to contribute please mark on your envelope and check: Youth Mission Trip.
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER…

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Grace Morgan, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


Continual Prayer - Genevieve Baker, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, James, Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Meredith Kesler Trail (daughter of Howell and Teresa Kesler), Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), Uf and Sydney Tukel (son-in-law and granddaughter of Mike and Brenda Cauble), and Union Fire Department #76

Bible Course 101 Participants: Judy Boyd, Phil and Linda Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Scott and Jennifer Curlee, Don and Tara Davis, Brad and Jan Huffman, Steve and Mary Hutchens, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Gladys Morgan, Karen Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painther, and Doris Shepherd

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!
Honorariums and Memorials Gifts Given to the Glory of God during March

A gift was received in honor of Genevieve Baker and Phil Cauble for their faithful and hard work for our church and to the glory of God from:
  Scott and Jennifer Curlee

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in honor of Doris Shepherd from:
  Troy and Cathy Kluttz Painther

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in honor of Mike, Randy, and Steve Cauble and Families from:
  Arnold Cauble

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Anna Rose Cauble from:
  Arnold Cauble

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Kay Taylor Edmiston from:
  Sylvia Peeler

A gift was received for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund in memory of Kay Taylor Edmiston from:
  William and Doris Page

A gift was received for the Memorial Fund in memory of Kay Taylor Edmiston from:
  Ruth Goodman

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Kay Taylor Edmiston from:
  Janet Overcash
  Vivian Sprinkle

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Sylvia Fraley from:
  Cathy Kluttz Painther

A gift was received for the Music Fund in memory of Sylvia Fraley from:
  Thomas and Joyce Caddell

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Larry Paul Shepherd from:
  Norman and Sarah Holshouser
  Deborah T. Rinehart

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Larry Paul Shepherd from:
  James F. Hinds
  Frank and Dawn Merrell
  Cathy Kluttz Painther

A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of James “Red” and Dorothy “Dot” Swicegood from:
  Macky Swicegood, Jr.

When you go through deep waters I will be with you.
Isaiah 43:2
NOTES OF THANKS...

Dear Union Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you to the church for calls, cards and gifts that were made during my recent surgery and recovery as well as the condolences following my father’s passing.

Thanks, Steve and Mary Hutchens

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If you haven’t signed up, please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 and we will send you an invitation.

1 Peter 5:7

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OUR MISSION: And Jesus came and said to them, “All
authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go
therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the
end of the age.”  Matthew 28:18-20

OUR VISION: One Relationship at a Time
A charter member of the North American Lutheran Church:
REPORTS AND MINUTES

2021 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AT UNION

The following activities represent some of the special highlights and events of the year, but they do not cover many daily, weekly, and monthly ministries and activities of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church that takes place in our endeavor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim His gospel.

MARCH

• 2021 Church Yearbooks were available beginning on Sunday, March 14. Thank you to Tara Davis and Hayley with assisting Genevieve Baker in collating and binding the yearbooks.
• Saturday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m. a Church Work Day was held to beautify the church both inside and outside for Holy Week.
• Holy Week began on Sunday, March 28, with Palm Sunday.
• A called congregational meeting was held following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to review and approve the 2021 Church Yearbook.
Good Timers
March 11, 2021

The Good Timers met for their monthly meeting on March 11, 2021 with Dawn Merrell, presiding. Doris Shepherd had devotions on “Wait for 3 Days” and prayer. Dickie Shue won the door prize. We had 20 members and 2 visitors (Bill Broadway and Vicki Hunter) present. An offering of $29.00 was received.

March Birthdays: Karen Morgan (3), Frank Merrell (14), Nancy Kesler (20), Betty Denker (26), and Judy Boyd (30).

March Wedding Anniversaries: Paul and Lynn Coughenour (27).

We welcomed Pastor Heidi as a new member.

Sick Report: Daisy Martin, Tommy Kerns

Our next meeting in April will be about “Baby, oh Baby” youngest picture of yourself. Put the picture into an envelope with your name on the outside. Members will be asked to whom the pictures belong.

Please continue to collect “J” dollars for the “House of Hope” project.

The program today was given by Pastor Heidi on her trip to Haiti. She was a NALC Global Worker to Haiti. Among the highlights of the trip were: the mission house where they stayed, 100% Buddhist village, men got to sleep on the porch, goats everywhere, lots of walking. Each day begins with devotions. The one room school house held about 60 children. Morning and evening devotions done on a porch. The children like to play musical chairs. The village took good care of the children. We saw a picture of a house they helped build. Pastor Heidi’s nickname is “Yea Jesus.” A final picture was taken of the group getting on the Magic School Bus to return home.

The meal today was furnished by Dawn Merrell and Pastor Heidi. Dawn prepared American dishes (chicken-n-dumplings, slaw, rolls, peach dish – prepared by John Kesler and Dickie Shue). Pastor Heidi prepared Haitian dishes (white rice, mango salsa, bean patties, and plantain.)

Pastor Heidi had the blessing before the meal.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
Worship & Music Meeting Highlights:

The committee met on March 2 at 5:30 pm both in person and availability via zoom.

Here are highlights:
- Review of Lenten Services
- Set up two services for Easter Sunday with breakfast between the services (no Sunday School)
- Reviewed plans for the Easter season
- Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23
- Discussed Homecoming for 2021
- Pastor Heidi will be Homecoming preacher for 2021
- Discussed the 250th anniversary of the church. It was noted that the church is already 250 years old according to research by Aaron Kepley, curator of the Rowan Museum. He notes court records referring to the Dutch Pine Meeting House as a landmark prior to 1771. The General Synod of the South (1800s) and subsequent bodies recognized the year an ordained pastor was called as the beginning of a congregation – hence 1774 as our first year.
- Will try to set up a quarterly event beginning with this year’s Homecoming and continuing to a major celebration in 2024. This could include inviting previous pastors and sons/daughters of the congregation to fill the pulpit once a quarter.
- Received a report on the selection of a Director of Music
- Next meeting will be May 11 at 5:30 pm,
The Council met for its Annual Retreat on Saturday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m. at Mike and Brenda Cauble’s home. Members present were: Lynn Coughenour, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman, Jennifer Paintner Curlee, Ron Vellines, Larry Barringer, Matt Miller, Lucinda Fraley, Gladys Morgan, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, and Don Davis along with Pastors Heidi and Dieter Punt. Steve Hutchens was absent.

Special thanks to Mike and Brenda Cauble and Tara Davis for preparing and serving breakfast and lunch.

Pastor Heidi led a spiritual and inspirational retreat with Council Members from 9:00-2:00 developing the following Mission and Vision:

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Mission is the Great Commission: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Vision – One Relationship At A Time

The Council held a short Business Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES – Sonya Mulkey

The Council Minutes from the January 10th Council meeting were reviewed.

***A motion was made by Jennifer Curlee and seconded by Brad Huffman to approve the January 10th minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORTS – Lucinda Fraley

The November and December Treasurer’s Reports were presented and reviewed along with the Narthex Expansion Fund Report.

***A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt to approve the reports as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

There will be a brief meeting after Worship on Sunday, February 28th for the purpose of approving the other Treasurer’s Reports.
OLD BUSINESS

Financial Ministry
Mary Hutchens and Amanda Cauble have offered to volunteer their services for the Financial Ministry and have been approved by the Financial Committee. Mary would oversee expenses and Amanda would oversee income. Lucinda Fraley, as Treasurer, would be the person to oversee and present the reports.

***A Recommendation was made by the Finance Committee to allow volunteers Mary Hutchens and Amanda Cauble to handle the income and expenses in the Financial Ministry. The recommendation was approved with one person abstaining.

Music Director
The Committee is currently interviewing for a Music Director.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meetings
The Congregational Meeting to approve the Yearbook will be Sunday, March 28th, 2021.
The Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday, November 14, 2021.

Wednesday Night Lenten Offerings
***A motion was made by Jennifer Curlee and seconded by Gladys Morgan to designate the Franz Merrell Community Crisis Fund to receive the Wednesday night Lenten Service Offerings. The motion was unanimously approved.

Benevolence and Loose Offering
***A motion was made by Jennifer Curlee and seconded by Lucinda Fraley to direct the Great Commission Team and Social Ministry Committee to designate the Benevolence and Loose Offering in line to our budget.

Day Camp
***A motion was made by Lucinda Fraley and seconded by Don Davis to approve a Day Camp for the week of July 25-30, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Pastor’s Conference is in San Antonio May 4-6, 2021. Pastor Heidi requested that expenses for registration, hotel and transportation be covered by the church.
***A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Gladys Morgan to approve reimbursement to Pastor Heidi for her registration, hotel, and transportation expenses for the May 4-6 Conference. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pastor Heidi requested to use vacation days on May 3rd, 7th, and 8th.
***A motion was made by Jennifer Curlee and seconded by Don Davis to approve these vacation days. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Pastor Heidi’s office.

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

The Congregational Council Retreat and Business Meeting adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 3:10 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the March 21st Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Mulkey, Secretary
There was a Called Council Meeting following Worship on Sunday, February 28th for the purpose of reviewing Financial Reports. Members present were: Lynn Coughenour, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman, Jennifer Painther Curlee, Ron Vellines, Matt Miller, Gladys Morgan, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, and Don Davis. Steve Hutchens, Lucinda Fraley, and Larry Barringer were absent.

Pastor Heidi gave the Council permission to meet without her due to taking care of Pastoral matters.

The Financial Reports submitted were distributed to Council Members for their review.

The Congregational Council Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the March 21st Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Mulkey, Secretary

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Union’s Vision – One Relationship At A Time
There was a Called Council Meeting following Worship on Sunday, March 8th for the purpose of approving the printing of the Yearbook. Members present were: Larry Barringer, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman, Jennifer Painther Curlee, Ron Vellines, Gladys Morgan, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, and Don Davis. Steve Hutchens, Lucinda Fraley, Lynn Coughenour, and Matt Miller were absent.

Pastor Heidi was unable to attend this meeting due to being present with members after Worship.

A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Brad Huffman to approve printing of the Yearbook in the format presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Congregational Council Meeting was adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the March 21st Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Mulkey, Secretary

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## April Anniversaries:

- April 11: Elbert and Cheryl Kluttz
- April 15: Donnie and Melia Miller
- April 21: Joe and Sylvia McDaniel
- April 28: Vernon and Janet Overcash