

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all leaders, especially our guest preacher today (Vince Peterson and Rev Speers are at the choir retreat this weekend), Alexie Lewis for playing piano; thanks also to Malcolm Tannahill and the ushers; Mary Cusack (Communion 'bishop') Kristin Miller-Lynch (coffee hour 'bishop'), Isabel Morales (Sunday School 'bishop').

Please sign up for refreshments in the back: there is one more Summer Sunday left, and after that it's back to the Sanctuary!

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, August 31—Audrey MacFarlane; September 7—Ruth Hassan; September 14—Percival Buerk; September 21—Ernest V. Skoldberg, Sr.; September 28—Shikri Coury.

Yoga and BRUCA continue in August; call the office 718.745.0438 for details.

Prayer List requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438**.

Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Dolores Cleary and her family, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Barbara Briggs, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; the Boynton family. Please call the office to add names to the prayer list.

Looking to the Future

Program and Mission second Monday in September: September 7 at 6:30 pm.

Sunday School Room Cleanup and Painting: Saturday morning, September 14. See Michele DiBartolo or Kristin Miller-Lynch.

Homecoming September 14 at 11am in the Sanctuary, with communion, organ and choir, and this year, liturgical dance. This is the Sunday we "come home" to the Sanctuary and 11am worship.

BRUCA and Playgroup start up September 15! Visit the website www.ucbr.org or call **718.745.0438**

Sunday School Curriculum Orientation Saturday, September 20. See Michele and Kristin.

Sunday School Rally Day Sunday, September 21 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Stated Session meeting Monday, September 22 at 7pm in the Parish House.

Presbytery of New York City meets here at Union Church Saturday, September 27; we are doing this because it is the 50th anniversary of the ordination of **Peggy Howland**, the first woman ordained by Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery and the twelfth in the whole PCUSA, right here at Union Church with George Bonnell in 1958! **Jo Tolley** will be here for the event, and Isabel Morales and Michele DiBartolo are "bishops" for our hospitality. **When they call you, say YES!** (**Vince** will lead a pickup choir made up of volunteers from choirs all over the presbytery.)

Ruby Moy is garden "bishop" many Saturdays and always likes company. All of us can help keep Union Church Sanctuary looking its best, especially while Mark is on vacation in August: if you happen to be walking past the church and see a candy wrapper or a beer can within reach, take the initiative to pick it up and take it to a trash can. Gardening helps build strong bodies and good relationships. Beautify the church and yourself, and meet the neighbors!

Welcome to the

Union Church of Bay Ridge

of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Summer Worship in the Chapel

August 31, 2008



Chapel, Parish House and Office

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The Reverend Mary Barrett Speers, Pastor ❖ Vince Peterson, Minister of Music
Ed Huml, BRUCA Program Director ❖ Jody Levine, Playgroup Director and Administrator

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.
Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.
Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
that you might have life, and that more abundantly.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

✕CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1&9

O give thanks to the LORD; for God is good:
The steadfast love of God endures forever.
For God satisfies the thirsty,
The hungry God fills with good things.

✕HYMN

PRAYER IN PREPARATION

God of wisdom and might, you keep watch over us forever. If only we could have the faith in you that you have in us! We lay before you what stands in our way: the burdens of our own making, the fears that seem so real. Remind us that you have great hopes for us, that your love can change minds, hearts, wills, ways, and lives. Help us to store up treasures of hope and goodness, so that we might pour out your love to heal and refresh your broken world. Make us faithful disciples of Jesus, who died for all, and in whose strong name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE *the chorus of blue hymnal no. 341... from **Blessed Assurance***
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long...

✕**THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *no. 322* ***Spirit of the Living God***
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON

✠PSALM-HYMN

SECOND LESSON

SERMON

✠HYMN

THE OFFERING

✠DOXOLOGY no. 592 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, you gave us birth, and everything we have comes from you.
Whatever we do we owe to your Spirit, the life you have placed within us.
Follow then these gifts with your blessing, and accept our hearts and our lives
as offerings returned to you, in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16: "debts"

✠HYMN

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

SENDING-FORTH MUSIC

✠all who would like to may stand; **unison prayers are in bold.**