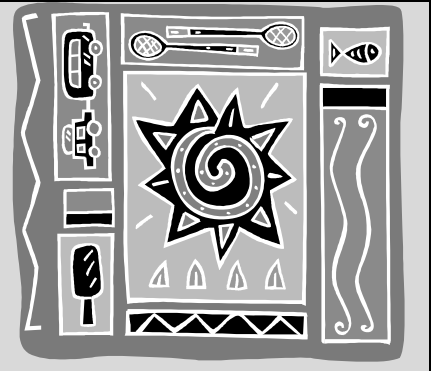


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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Dearest Union Church family,

Congratulations, graduates and families of graduates!

Summer is coming soon, and all of us are looking forward to special plans for June and July.

Thursday, June 4 is the last Taizé evensong until the fall; many of our programs are in recess over the summer, but some of them continue; please see the attached calendar page for details.

Yoga will continue through the summer, moving to the air-conditioned chapel in the Parish House. Kristin and Areta are working with the two classes to consolidate into one for July and August; call Kristin 718.745.6594 for information.

Sunday, June 14 is the combined annual choir picnic and Union Church Strawberry Fields potluck picnic in the park (or the gym if it rains). We look forward again this year to fellowship with other Bay Ridge Presbyterian churches; see the article inside for more information. Don't forget to wear your Union Church strawberry-red T-shirt!

Sunday, June 21 is Fathers' Day and our last Sunday in the Sanctuary until Homecoming on Sunday, September 13.

On **Sunday, July 26 at 10:30am**, we are invited to worship outdoors in Owl's Head Park with Bay Ridge Protestant churches. Redeemer-St John's Lutheran Church Praise Band will provide the music, Rev. Craig Miller of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will preach, our own Gorgas will dance, and all the rest of us have to do is bring chairs and picnic lunches; drinks will be provided. **It's at 10:30 instead of 10.**

Joe and Evan Lynch are the 'Cyclones bishops' again this year, and this year the excursion will again be in

August, Watch your bulletins and the August-September newsletter for details, and expect a call from Joe or Evan in the weeks to come.

Please turn the page for more. I look forward to seeing you in church, and out and about in this beautiful world. Enjoy and restore creation this summer and always!

Blessings,

STRAWBERRY FIELDS JUNE 14

Jane Feazell is 'bishop' for our annual picnic Sunday, June 14, 1:30-4pm. It's "potluck:" each household brings one dish, enough to serve 6, and sodas/juice for 6 (make that 8 if you have a big family). Bring your own folding chairs, extras to share if you can, and families please each bring an outdoor game you enjoy. Plates, ice, cups, napkins provided. Where: Shore Road Park near the 79th Street playground; if it rains, we move inside to the Parish House gym. It's casual and fun and a great way to include family and friends in fellowship with our church and other local Presbyterians.

SUMMER WORSHIP

From June 28 through September 6, our Sunday worship service will be at 10AM in our air-conditioned Parish House Chapel at 8101 Ridge Blvd. There will be no Sunday School during this time, but childcare will be provided during the 10AM service. (See inside for more on July 26 outdoor worship with Bay Ridge churches.)



THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is open to

remember dear departed members of Union Church: June 7th - Laura Cramer; June 14th - Ruth Cranstoun; June 21st - Madeline Stutz; June 28th - Estelle McKay; July 5th - Alice Johnston; July 12th - Jennie Thompson; July 19th - Warren Dean; July 26th - David Alekel



ROSTER OF ELDERS TO SERVE COMMUNION

Coordinator: Maryellen Van Royen
mvanroyen@loewshotels.com.

If the date or dates you have been given do not suit you, please exchange them with a fellow elder, or if a replacement cannot be found, please email Maryellen.

June 7: Jane Feazell

July 5: Maryellen Van Royen

August 2: Eddie Norstrand

Remember: the schedule is posted on the Worship page of the website www.ucbr.org



CONTINUE TO PRAY

for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners and all who watch and pray for them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Ruby Moy and her family, Arabella Meadows-Rogers, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; also Lynn, Geraldine, the family and friends of Jaye and Violet, the Vandermarcq family, Bob and Louise, Ed, Mark and Audrey, Helen, Wendy, Sally.

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

EASTER LILIES Richard Anderson - In Memory of Mildred Anderson In Memory of Viola and Thomas Ferretti; The DiBartolo Family - In Memory of Antoinette Peitz; Marie Nelson - Loved Ones; The Norstrand Family - Loved Ones; Eleanore Skolberg - Loved Ones; The Lynch Family - Eileen Lynch Marion Miller; Bruce MacIntyre - James and Lucile MacIntyre; Morag Mossawir - Loved Ones; Scott Morwitz - In Honor Of Geraldine Morwitz; Arthur and Elizabeth Samuel - Our Loved Ones; Alan and Joyce Smith - Our Loved Ones; Shirley Tuccillo - Loved Ones David and Carolyn Ramsay - Loved One; Olive and Dan Reich - Our Parents and Sister; Mary Ellen Van Royen, Shawn Nelson, Jaye Fagan, Paul B. Douglas Sr., Carole Lamb, Carole Blute, Tony Occhip and Family

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

If you worship with us and would like your birthday listed in our newsletter, fill in the birthday calendar at the back of the sanctuary or call the office. Birthdays at top of next column...



June

13 – Morag Mossawir
17 – Lorrie Green
18 – Warren Gatto
24 – Iliana Morales
29 – Dolores Cleary
26 – Katherine Greissman
27 – Bill Louisa

July

01 – Evelyn Riccio
14 – Alan Smith
16 – Sam Shoukralla
20 – Evan Lynch
23 – Betty Samuel

MAY FLOWERS

April 26th In memory of Mary Nell Norstrand – from Eddie Norstrand



WRITTEN BY REGINA BRETT, 90 YEARS OLD, OF THE PLAIN DEALER, CLEVELAND , OHIO

Submitted By: Parvati

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most-requested column I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90, in August, so here goes:

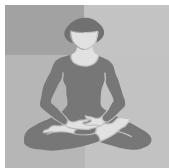
1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry
13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the

- fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
 23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
 24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
 25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
 26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
 27. Always choose life.
 28. Forgive everyone everything.
 29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
 30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
 31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
 32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
 33. Believe in miracles.
 34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
 35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
 36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
 37. Your children get only one childhood.
 38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
 39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
 40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
 41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
 42. The best is yet to come.
 43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
 44. Yield.
 45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

"It seems before Truth sets you free, it puts you through the wringer..."

YOGA by Kristin Miller

Yoga has begun again! Classes are **MONDAYS and Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15pm** downstairs in playgroup area: in the Union Church basement located on the corner of 80th Street and Ridge Blvd. **Starting June 30, and through July and August, the Monday and Wednesday classes will be consolidated into one class on Tuesdays**, in our air-conditioned, renovated Parish House Chapel. Please bring a mat and a towel and arrive a few minutes early. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED** for the gentle, restorative class. Open to all; cost is \$15.00 per session – call Kristin at 718-745-6594 no pre-registration required.



YOU GOTTA HAVE A GIMMICK FROM P & M

Those food pantries are still asking for supplies! New Program and Mission member Jennifer Segna proposes the following schedule, with "theme" items to make it fun and easy to remember. Of course you can continue to bring the favorite standards: peanut butter in plastic jars and canned tuna in water. Jennifer's monthly themes for June and July:

June: Oh Baby!

Baby food, disposable diapers

July: All-American

Mac-n-Cheese (canned or boxed), Boston Baked Beans, Canned Chili

Evan Lynch is still valiantly collecting loose change for the neighborhood soup kitchen.

Note: You do not have to confine your mission giving to loose change! Pieces of government-issue green filament paper with portraits of presidents printed on them are also gratefully accepted. In fact, portraits on this type of paper of founding fathers who never became president are especially gratefully accepted!

UNION CHURCH PLAYGROUP

The Union Church playgroup has been a great success for the past autumn, winter and spring sessions. Playgroup is a spacious place with lots of interesting things for a child to do, such as blocks, trains, housekeeping, and doll house, dress-up, puzzles, books, puppets, crafts, etc. A snack is provided along with a Story read by the director. There is also Music Time with songs and musical instruments.

Playgroup is for toddlers and a caretaker, and meets Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 – 11:30 am and Wednesdays from 10:00 to 12:00 pm downstairs in the Sanctuary (the corner of 80th Street and Ridge Blvd). The cost is \$175.00 – \$210.00 for a 10 or 12 week session, based on chosen day of week.

If you are interested in the program and would like more information or would like to visit the Playgroup please call Jody at (718) 745-0438.

NEW PLAYGROUP CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

A new afternoon class will be starting in September 2009 on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 – 2:00 pm and will run from 10 to 12 weeks with three sessions per calendar year.



This class will be only for toddlers ages 3- 4 year old and a caretaker. This class will be a great introduction for nursery school and pre-K.

The class will include free play time along with some structured learning, music and a snack.

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JULY 26 OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK

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DEADLINES - The newsletter belongs to the church community. If you want your event reported correctly and in a timely manner, it must be written and submitted by you. Email or a floppy disk is the best, because then it does not have to be retyped

The next newsletter deadline is Monday, July 14th, 2008. The deadline for items to be included in any Sunday bulletin is the previous Monday at 12 noon.

DEAR BASKETBALL PLAYERS:



The summer season is upon us – along with ***reduced rates*** starting July 1st! If you would like to rent our Parish House gym, we have time slots during the week and weekends, for only \$30 per hour or \$240.00 per month. Call the office for details at 718.745.0438.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public services are available at the Union Church Parish House located at 8101 Ridge Blvd. This service is available from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Calling first is recommended 718.745.0438 ask for Jody. This service is free to all Union Church members.

