



The Union Messenger

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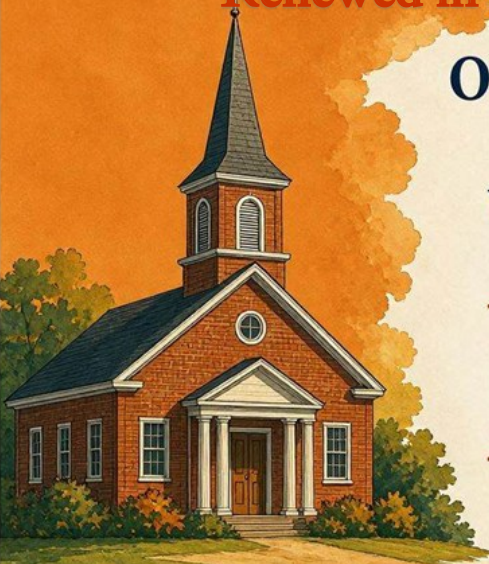
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Pastor Share

2026 is now officially one month past the halfway point. That in and of itself is hard to believe. I remember someone telling me years ago that time would go by faster as I got older. Of course I didn't believe them at the time, but now I see the wisdom of that statement. In baseball, the month of August is part of the Dog Days of Summer. It's when the weather is hot and a team plays just about every day. Besides the opposing team, the heat and tedium of constant physical activity is also an opponent. For normal people, August is probably best known for the beginning of a new school year. Personally, I think school should start the first Tuesday after Labor Day, but no one has asked my opinion on the matter yet. But August also helps usher in the busy season of the church calendar. Homecoming, Revival, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are just around the corner. Throw in a few Chicken-Ques and a Trunk-or-Treat and we are faced with a very busy next few months. Thinking of it in that way can bring on a feeling of being overwhelmed. But I remember another wise person who told me something as I was complaining one day years ago about going to another one of Jessie's dance recitals. He said, "You know, there will be a day when we wish we had a recital or ballgame to go to." He was right. The lesson we can take from that wise statement is instead of dreading or hoping to get on the other side of those festivities, we can embrace them and maybe that will lead us to enjoy them more. If you're reading this, then God has given you the gift of time in this world. I know heaven will be infinitely better, but God loves us today as well as tomorrow. I hope you have a safe and prosperous August. Let's enjoy it because 2027 will be here before we know it. - Pastor Randy

Renewed in Spirit, United in Love



Our annual Homecoming and Revival Services will begin on Sunday, October 11th.

Homecoming Service will be at 11am on Sunday morning, (October 11 followed by a covered dish meal in the fellowship hall.

Revival services will begin at 6pm on Sunday evening (October 11) and 7pm on Monday and Tuesday (October 12 & 13) with guest speakers and special music each night. These will be announced soon!

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
- Colossians 3:14



Community Communion Thanksgiving Service

Union United Methodist Church
and
Millers Creek United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 22 at 6:00pm

Location: Union United Methodist Church
Rev. Bradley Lisk and Rev. Randy Lankford

Dessert fellowship immediately after the service. 

TRUNK or TREAT

Union United Methodist Church

 **Saturday, October 31st at 6:00pm**

Everyone is Invited!



UPCOMING Church Events



 NOVEMBER 28	Church Decorating	
 NOVEMBER 29	First Day of Advent / <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	
 DECEMBER 24	Annual Christmas Eve Communion Service	

We look forward to celebrating this season with you!