



The Union Hill Herald

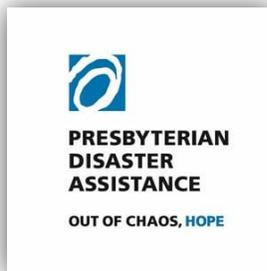
Union Hill Presbyterian Church
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Presbytery in Prayer – We are One

Prayers for South Sudan

(This article was written by our Presbytery Leader, Rev. Jeanne Radak and is reprinted with permission.)



“What are we going to do with these people who are shedding tears day and night, who are wounded in their hearts, about these children who are suffering? How can the church be a light in the situation? How can we give hope? God has entrusted us with this responsibility, to be the voice of these people.”

This was the anguished cry of leaders of the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), contained in a pastoral message recently issued by the council. SSCC officials composed the message following a visit to refugee camps in neighboring Ethiopia, accompanied by international ecumenical leaders.

Deteriorating conditions in South Sudan have displaced nearly 3 million people, driving many to seek refuge outside the country. The national economy has collapsed, famine is gripping the rural areas of the country and many children can no longer attend school as a result of the escalating violence.

The United Nation agencies believe that as many as 6 million are struggling for food. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance calls on all to **pray** and **act**.

*Gracious God,
We lift up to you the people of South Sudan. So many have been forced from their homes seeking food and safety. May they find the safety that they need. We pray that all will be called to help feed and nourish those who are hungry and seeking ways to feed their families.*

We pray for an end to the conflict that surrounds innocent people and forces them to flee. May there be a path to true and genuine peace.

Guide those communities who can help impact the conflict and distress of the people of South Sudan to a place where they can build peace, reconciliation and reconstruction.

We pray this with for our brothers and sisters who are in great need.

Amen

Summer Worship

We have had several opportunities this summer to worship outside. It is a wonderful experience – to hear our worship message in the fresh air and sunshine. If the weather cooperates, we will have another outdoor service in August. Thank you to everyone who works behind the scenes to make these services run smoothly!



Kitchen Renovation in Full Swing!

Our kitchen is being renovated! This is an exciting development for our church. The kitchen will now be up-to-code with the township health department, which means we can move ahead with soup sales, community dinners, and other community-related gatherings. The construction is being done by Jeff Sassaman and his company, Bottom Up Construction.

It is a work in progress – stay tuned for final results!



The kitchen, pre-renovation



Renovations are moving along!



Songs, Guitars and More...

Do you have any interest in getting together with friends to sing, play an instrument or both? Perhaps you did it back when you were a student, not worrying about getting it perfect, and selecting pieces without thinking about the next lesson. That's what this is about - fellowship with music – sing a few songs, learn some chords, etc. You can come just to sing along or play. We meet once a month and decide on the day/time based on the availability of the participants. If you are interested, please contact j_kibe@hotmail.com. Please join us!



Notes from the Preschool...

Summer Camp is in session! The school year may have ended in June but we are still having fun at UHCP! Our 4-week camp began in July and the students are enjoying seeing their friends, playing outside and creating new artwork. The ice cream truck makes an appearance every Thursday to the cheers of all the children (and staff)!

Registration for the upcoming school year is in progress. If you would like additional information about any of our classes or would like to tour the classrooms, please feel free to call Jill Head, Director at 973-361-5983.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Summer!

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Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday w/
Toddler Care through the summer