

BUILDING UNION FOR THE FUTURE



A Special Month of Prayer

Beginning 14 February, Union Church will enter into a month of prayer. For 31 days we will pray for Union as we approach the Annual General Meeting on 16 March.

We invite you to join us in prayer and watch what He can do. Jesus loves to hear from us!

www.unionchurchhk.org/event/a-special-month-of-prayer/

FRI, 14 FEB: VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER EVENING ~ GOD'S LOVE

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. (Isaiah 49:16); Nothing can separate us from the Love of God (Romans 8:38-39)

Meditation: Reflect on God's persistent, constant Love for you. Give praise for that Love and pray for The Special Month of Prayer - that it may be a time of growing closer to the Lord & being anointed by His will.

SAT, 15 FEB: LIGHTHOUSE PRAYER SESSION, 9 –11:30 AM AT UNION CHURCH

I am God. I have called you to live right and well. I have taken responsibility for you, kept you safe. I have set you among my people to bind them to me, and provided you as a lighthouse to the nations... (Isaiah 42:6)

Meditation: Reflect on Union Church's role in the world including its physical location. Give praise to the Lord for The Church and the people who have passed through its doors since 1844. Pray for those attending the Prayer Session.

SUN, 16 FEB: LESSONS FROM THE DISCIPLES

And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Meditation: Pray for fellowship at Union Church today, welcome strangers, meet someone new, pray with others... even if you miss church!

MON, 17 FEB: YOU ARE NOT ALONE

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Meditation: Pray for yourself, and others joining you in the month of prayer, that this will be a time of growing closer to the Lord and being anointed by His will.

TUE, 18 FEB: ENTERING FORGIVENESS

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. (Acts 3:19)

Meditation: Is there anything on your heart that you can offer up to the Lord for forgiveness? Pray it quietly and pray that others do the same. Remember Romans 8:38-39!

WED, 19 FEB: OFFERING FORGIVENESS

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (Mark 11:25)

Meditation: Offer forgiveness and pray for forgiving hearts.

THU, 20 FEB: THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS

Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. (2 Cor 7:9)

Meditation: In the silence of your heart, what more requires forgiveness? Pray for Joy from the Lord's love for you and give praise.

FRI, 21 FEB: JOYFULLY FORGIVEN

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph 4:32)

Meditation: Give praise for the peace of forgiveness.

SAT, 22 FEB: JOY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones. (Proverbs 15:30)

Meditation: Pray about who you will see at church on Sunday... even strangers. What encouraging words and good news will you bring to them?

A New Season for Union

By Terry Liang

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1



When I first heard about the potential re-development plan, I must confess that my heart sank for a while. Union Church is my spiritual home, and it felt like someone telling me that my home will be demolished! This is where I took Alpha, received my baptism, hosted important family occasions like my father's memorial. Over the years, it has become a place to which I have developed considerable emotional attachment. As a volunteer of the Youth Group on Fridays, I am particularly concerned that in the future we will no longer have enough room in the courtyard for young members to mingle and play “Romans and Christians”!

However, as I let myself decrease, God increases. I thought I must listen carefully to the considerations that come into play in such an important decision. Praise is due to the many volunteers who have worked so hard over many years to bring the re-development plan to this advanced stage, to communicate this in an

understandable way through the town halls and small groups to the congregation. I also examined an important argument that got me to think otherwise: this charming 60 year old spiritual home needs significant repair, but we do not have sufficient financial resources to cope with this challenge – this got my attention as a banker!

I do sense another season is dawning, and the time has finally come. I was pleased to learn that the new church grounds will have enough space for not only our youth but also other ministries. Knowing that Union Church leaders have given their unanimous vote, I intend to add my support to the re-development plan. Let's continue to pray that His will be done.

To submit a prayer request to the Union Church Prayer Chain please e-mail prayer@unionchurchhk.org. Within a short time over one hundred people will be lifting you up to the Lord in prayer.

