

# November 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Tai Chi 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm FOLG	4 9am Staff Mtg 10am Program Staff 12am Golden Times 6pm Cherub Choir 6:30 Junior Choir 7pm Middler Choir; Bible Study; Here We Grow 7:30 High School Choir	5 9:30am Busy Bee Quilters 10am Knitwits 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Here We grow	6 6pm Tai Chi; 7pm Chime Choir; Christian Ed	7 9am Bulletin Prep 9:30am Bible Study	8 7pm Hang-in Night
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**Union UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Neffs, Pennsylvania

HONORING THE PAST \* CELEBRATING THE PRESENT  
BUILDING THE FUTURE

## Union Church Thanksgiving Service

Hosted at Union UCC on  
Wednesday, November 26, 2014, 7:00pm

The congregations of Union UCC and Union Lutheran and members of the Schnecksville-Neffs community are invited to participate in a Thanksgiving service hosted by Union United Church of Christ.

Refreshments will be served in Memorial Hall after the service. An offering will be taken for the Food Bank administered by the Agape Fellowship of Schnecksville.



### Book/Movie Club

Next Book is "Outlander" by Diana Gabaldon, meeting on **December 3 at 7pm** in Memory room. Contact Kathi Charles for more details at 610-462-5551 or kac4b@hotmail.com.

# From Pastor Thomas

I write this note to you on October 13, the date for newsletter submissions. When you read this note in the November newsletter, I will be in Richmond visiting my mother. Having filled my truck with tools to tackle the projects that she has mentioned to me in previous telephone conversations, I will be busy with work very different than normal for me at this time of year.

Then on November 10, I will become an active grandfather to Tanner. My daughter-in-law, Brittany, after a three month maternity leave, returns to her work in the Southern Lehigh school district. I will receive Tanner from my son at 7:30 a.m. and return him to his mother's care at 2:30 p.m. Tanner and I will have an opportunity to get to know each other very well. I have confidence that my baby care skills will return after all these years, and that I will learn some new ones.

When I announced my retirement seven months ago, I hoped that the long time span from announcement to departure would enable leaders to implement an interim ministry plan as soon as I left

office. I am glad that Pastor Kris and the leadership team are ready to go. I am confident that they will serve God well.

What I did not anticipate was the bittersweet long goodbye. As I leave the pastoral office at Union UCC, I am also leaving the active ministry to which I have dedicated so much of my life. I also offer my farewell to the family of Union UCC, with whom I have shared so many insights, joys, and sorrows.

I'll end with a message from the Rev. John Edgerton offered in the UCC daily devotions, "A great minister told me that to serve a church, you have to love the people. I would add that to serve a church, you must first have been loved by the people. The only reason we ministers can do what we do is because the members of Christ's Church constantly forgive our many mistakes and extend us every grace. You embrace, adopt, challenge, trust, and support us." Thank you.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Thomas

## Home Visitation Members Birthdays



**Elaine Creitz - Nov. 10**  
Cedarbrook - D201  
350 S. Cedarbrook Rd  
Allentown, PA 18104

### Christmas Eve Yard Signs

*Yard Signs are available for you to pick up starting November 23 after worship. If you already have a yard sign, please use it if it's in good shape. We ask that you place them in your yard or at important corners near your home to help us share the hope of the Christmas season with your neighbors and invite them to our church. Please hold onto signs for next year or return them to the church office in the New Year.*

*This effort is hosted by the Evangelism Committee and Sponsored by the Good News Fund.*

### Are you interested in joining our church and making a commitment to practice your faith here?

Pastor Kris and church leaders invite you to three gatherings on **November 2, 9 and 16 at 9:15am until 10:15am.** We will meet in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor.

This an informal time to get to know each other and ask questions. Attendance is not required to join.

You will be welcomed as members in worship on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the 8am or 10:30am worship service.**

Contact Pastor Kris if you have questions.  
[assocpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:assocpastor@unionucc.org) 610-767-6961



New Members Gathering

## Memorials

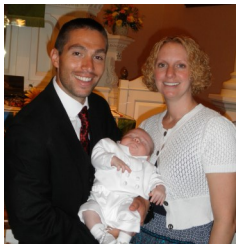
**The following donations have been accepted into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of Kathryn M. (Everett) Praetorius:**  
The Benevolent Order of Red Cups Alpha C, Larry & Ardemes Praetorius, David, Karen & Jennifer Fleming, Wayne & Glenda Worman, Hilda Nagel, Daniel & Debra Topp, Sr., S & J. Ehret, John & Marilyn Yanek & Family, Philip & Julie Wehr, Loretta S. Wotring, Stephen L. Horne & Karen C. Hontz, Carolyn George, Ralph & Clara Geiger, Jerry & Nancy Resh, Stanley & Jean Wieand, Cliff & Carol James, Roy & Annie Kern, Dolores A. Rabenold, Kenneth & Elaine Reichenbach, L. M. Baer, Adeline Miller & Grace Schneck, John, Ben & Richard Remaley, Dorothy Best, Hilda C. Gruber & Patricia B. McCarthy, Mary Rasley & Steven Weitz, David Pisko

**The following donations have been accepted into the Thomas Family Fund in honor of Pastor Tom's retirement:**  
Beatrice S. Hregician, Sueann Hregician, Rev's John & Kris Snyder-Samuelson, Dr. Harry B. Burger, Skip & Elaine Reichenbach, Zachary Reichenbach, Kenneth & Erin Reichenbach & Family, Gary & Cheryl Yencho, Arlene & Harold Remaley, Donna Schellenberger Ted & Lisa Werkheiser, Jr., Jeanne & Lynn Krause, William & Marilyn Hill, Gladys Kuhns, Glenn & Susan Mattern, Doug & Claire Kern, Ardith, Lloyd, & Steven Kuhns, Carol & Charles Mesics, Richard & Kathy Bonsell, The Karetsky Family, Warren & Joyce Kuntz, Harry & Linda Mericle, Suzanne Schneider, Russell & Linda Bowers, Anna Lord, Jim & Edie Fella, Mr. & Mrs. David Hamm, Charlotte Bauer, Linda & Wilbur Romig, Jennifer Haley, Jeffrey & Sandra Emig, Verna Traube, Karen & David Fleming, Deb & Rich Wenner, The Ondrey Family, David & Jane Schappell, Katharine Fuellhart, Greg, Joanne, & Jarod Pokorny, David & Susan Andrews, Brian & Colette Kern, Daniel & Iris Young, Robert & Janice Herzog, Jana & Ryan Hill, Kenneth Conrad, Ted & Kathi Charles, Ken, Alma, Mark & John Clauser George M. Kern, Dennis & Judy Miller, Phil & Julie Wehr, Kay Bingell, Mr. & Mrs. George Horn, Sybil R. Mohr, Richard, Deanna, & Ryan Correll, Martha Bloss, Donald & Eunice Diehl, Donald & Anita Reider, Laura D. Abenes, The Gaumer Family, Bradford & Lorie Hackett, Debra & Dan Topp, Sr., Dean & Diane Schaller, Robert & Donna Grimes, Patience D. Stevenson, Jim & Carol Beers, Mary Reinert, Wes & Maria Beltz & Family, Karl & Cathy Schmidt, Roger & Sue Klotz, Diane M. Pesola, The Steidinger Family, Tina Jarrett Frank & Vicki Sorg & Family, Lorraine E. Hunsicker, Norman H. Hunsicker, The Albert Family, Roger & Nancy Christman, Joe & Karen Ulmer, Lynne & Larry Pruneski, Curt, Donna, Ryan & Eric Kleintop Cliff & Carol James, Kim Krempasky, Pamela & John Evans, Beth Dymond, Donald & Janet Bachman, Dana & Lee Krisko, Ronald & Eleanor Kleckner, Paul & Janet Creitz, Robert & Patricia Swercheck Stephen & Leslie Strack, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Foster, Jeff & Ronnie Herbine, Carolyn M. George, Rick Klingensmith, Eileen & Donald Meyer, Larry & Teresa Dalrymple, Stanley & Jean Wieand

## Sacrament of Baptism

On September 28 the congregation joyfully welcomed:

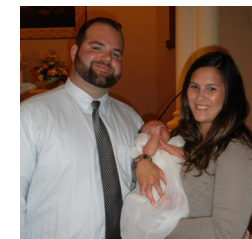
**Lucas Christopher Bastidas**  
Son of Christopher and Abby  
(Bloss) Bastidas



**Arianna Rose Dayoub**  
Daughter of Danny Dayoub and Sarah Stoner



**Reese Christina Fenstermaker**  
Daughter of Seth Fenstermaker and Jordan Pappano-Lee



**Tanner James Thomas**  
Son of Morgan and Brittany (Lacey) Thomas

**Brady Thomas White**  
Son of Scott and Beth (Schmoyer) White



**The following donations have been accepted into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of Thelma Trobetsky:**  
Dr. Harry B. Burger, Phil & Julie Wehr, Robert & Dorothy Hoppes, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kreitz, Donald & Eunice Diehl Daniel & Barbara Richards, Carolyn George, Gary & Janet Woodcock, James & Louanne Trobetsky

**The following donations have been accepted into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of Elvin O. Creitz, Jr.:**  
Phil & Julie Wehr, Louis & Lucille Schantz, Donald & Anita Reider, Warren E. Creitz

**The following donations have been accepted into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of Fern J. (Klase) Snyder:**  
Barbara Panner, Phyllis A. Fenstermacher, Jacqueline & Daniel Klase, Dennis & Denise Rothrock, Dan & Deb Topp, Sr.

**The following donation has been accepted into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara A. Kern:**  
Dennis & Judy Miller

## Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Madeline Bingell, Nancy Christman, Don & Eunice Diehl, Phyllis Hamm, Judy Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Barbara Panner, Ruth Purner, Linda & Wilbur Romig, Jill Schlosser, Marianne Ulrich, and Jean & Stanley Wieand



# Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
<b>7-1-2014</b>	\$ 9,644.00	\$21,417.00	\$31,061.00
<b>Income</b>	\$94,524.00	\$4,516.00	\$99,040.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$93,838.00	\$8,743.00	\$102,581.00
<b>09-30-2014</b>	\$10,330.00	\$17,190.00	\$27,520.00

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Lenten, Advent, Improvement Fund, Flowers, Directory, Bulletins, Phoebe Campaign, & Special Gifts.

## Deaths

**Fern Snyder**, passed away October 3, 2014, and was laid to rest in Union Church Cemetery, Neffs on October 17, 2014.

## Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples who were joined in marriage under the care of Union UCC:  
**Andrea Nuschke and Alex Lerch** –June 28, 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>CC/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
	8AM	10:30AM		
September 7	73	227	54	354
September 14	72	191	47	310
September 21	65	206	CFW	271
September 28	52	323	47	422

<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	
September 2013– 1,472	September 2014 - 1,357
<b>AVG ATTENDANCE</b>	
September 2013–294	September 2014 - 339

**Ed Frack and Joanne Azar**—August 30, 2014  
**Jessica Richter and Ian Dunbar**—October 4, 2014  
**Benjamin Anderson and Ashley Kleiner**—October 11, 2014  
**Alicia Dotterer and Ryan Beam**—October 25, 2014  
**Lauren Pruneski and Adam Barton**—October 25, 2014

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Mike Baer	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30



# Tales From the Road

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

### Village Effect

*The Village Effect – What does it mean to live in community?*

With more and more amenities available in our homes, such as the internet, Netflix (movies available directly through our home televisions), Peapod (home delivery of groceries) why should we bother to even leave our homes? As Americans we seem determined to affirm our independence. Is that really biblical? Does God call us to be independent? How do we understand our role in contemporary American life as Christians who wish to be faithful to God? **Come explore the ideas of “living in community” with the Adult Education class on November 2 from 9:15-10:15 in Room 5 (Basement).**

### The Village Movement

Are you interested in finding out more about “Aging in Place” – either for yourself or your parents? In 2000, Susan McWhinney-Morse and Nancy Myers Coolidge together with 10 other people age 60 and over, created the non-profit Beacon Hill Village, a grassroots, self-governing, self-supporting consolidator of services. Created by elders, for elders, the Village has

## Consistory Minutes

by Brad Hackett (subject to approval)

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by President Carrington Smith. The Treasurer's Report and August/September bills were presented and approved.

**Christian Education Committee reported that** Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. Bus Trip to Cinderella is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Committee reported that** \$1,000 donated from Crop Walk and November is Toilet Paper Challenge Month!

**Church and Ministry reported that** the Committee is presently focusing its energies on the Visioning Process.

three simple components: It connects members to vetted, discounted providers and volunteers for any service they might want or need; It offers members healthy living: exercise classes, yoga, tai chi, informal lunches, and discounted homecare providers; And it organizes stimulating programs, seminars, and trips with the Village community to support connectedness and friendships. **We will learn about this and other “Villages” that are part of the Village movement on November 9 with the Adult Education Class from 9:15-10:15 in Room 5 (Basement).**

### Learning from the Village

We welcome back one of our favorite speakers to our classroom, Jarod Pokorny, who will be sharing further learnings from his wilderness experiences over the past summer. **We will be combining the Breakfast Club and the Adult Class on November 16 from 9:15-10:15 in Room 5. Come join us to meet new people and learn new things.**

**Evangelism Committee reported that** there will not be an Italian Dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup> this year. The new members meetings will be at 9:15 on Sundays November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 101.**

### Church Code 511.

Hospitals will not list patients under our congregational code unless given permission by the patient. If you are hospitalized, please let the hospital staff know that you would like us to be notified. Our church code is 511. This allows the church staff to know that you are in the hospital.

# Children's Programs

## Nursery to 6th Grade

Contact: Kathy Bonsell 610-767-6961  
Email: dired@unionucc.org



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. All Union UCC families are invited to **PACK A SHOE BOX** filled with small toys and other gifts. **Instructional brochures will be available in Memorial Hall.** We will be accepting completed boxes on Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16.

### WHOOOO knows?

Our Sunday School children are learning **The Ten Commandments**. Check out the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall to see what our amazing children are doing! All children who complete this challenge will receive 100 coins for the end of the year coin exchange.



The children participated in our annual **SNEAKER STROLL** on Oct. 12th. They collected **\$120** in sponsor money to donate to our local Crop Walk. **YAY!**



### Sunday, November 2, 2014

21st Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. David DeRemer

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Carol Pope

10:30 - Chrissy Shivok

**Greeters:** Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Mary & Lou Burdick

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Ian Schory

10:30AM - Kaitlyn Mericle, Jacob Roth

### Sunday, November 23, 2014

24th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism**

**Text:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Message:** "Spiritual Opportunities"

Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Doug Albert

10:30 - Claire Kern

**Greeters:** Glenn & Susan Mattern, Tim & Marian Funk

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Madison Milander

10:30AM - Jacob Klinger, Rebekah Lorah

### Sunday, November 9, 2014

22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Veterans honored

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

Guest Musicians Trio Jolie: **Robin Lilarose, Flute; Kirstin Myers, Oboe; Crystal Jordan, Cello** [www.triojolie.com](http://www.triojolie.com)

**Text:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Message:** "Keeping Faith"

Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Lucille Kuhns

10:30 - Curtis Frantz

**Greeters:** Nancy Jones, Eric Minnich

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Rachael Bath

10:30AM - Brandon Zellner, Madison Amorim

### Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Union Thanksgiving Worship

**7:00 pm Union Church Service**

*There will not be communion.*

**Text:** Psalm 100

**Sermon:** "Great Gates of Praise"

Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson

**Acolytes:** Ian Schory, Jacob Gladish

### Sunday, November 16, 2014

23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship/New Members

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Matthew 25: 14-30

**Message:** "Extravagant Opportunity"

Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - Elena Steidinger

**Greeters:** Vicki Mayk, Karen Wonderly

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Christopher Bath

10:30AM - Tegan Haley, Jason Check

### Sunday, November 30, 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-Sunday Morning Alive**

**Text:** Mark 13:24-37

**Message:** "Watching and Waiting"

Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Susan Rumble

10:30 - Fawn Albert

**Greeters:** Jim & Edie Fella, Donna Gruber

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Madison Amorim

10:30AM - Madelyn Kohler, Dylan Kuntz

## CE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER



Children will receive catalogs in Children's Church and Sunday School for our fall fundraiser, just in time for Christmas shopping. Catalogs will also be available in Memorial Hall and items can be viewed online at [www.naturesvisionfundraising.com](http://www.naturesvisionfundraising.com).

This fundraiser supports our Gift Bible program, teacher training and bus trips.

**All orders and money are due on Nov. 23.**

### The CIA's November Mission:

## WEIS MYSTERY TOUR

**Who:** The CIA (Kindergarten-6th Grade)

**When:** Friday, November 14th at 6:00pm

**Where:** Schnecksville Weis

**What:** The Case of the Missing Energy

**If you choose to accept this mission,**

**please RSVP to**

[NeffsCIA@gmail.com](mailto:NeffsCIA@gmail.com) and

complete a permission

slip (available in Sunday

School and Children's

Church) by **Nov. 9th.**



# November

## Children's Church Calendar

**Nov. 2** Matthew 23:1-12

**Nov. 9** Matthew 25:1-13

**Nov. 16** Matthew 25: 14-30

**Nov. 23** Matthew 25:31-46

**Nov. 30** Church Family Worship

## BIBLES FOR KIDS



Union UCC has a **GIFT BIBLE PROGRAM** which is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. We will present BIBLES at the end of the church year in May to those children who are in 3rd grade or older and have

attended at least 75% of the Sunday School or Children's Church classes. We will be presenting WHIRL NRSV Bibles.



## Holy Grounds

### Coffee Hour

Every Sunday

9:15-10:15 & 11:30-12:00

Continues on Sundays after 8am and 10:30 Worship Services and in between the services in Memorial Hall (on the same level as the sanctuary). Stop by for snack or drink, to say hello to a friend, or learn about something new about a committee.

**Thank you to our hosting committees:**

Nov. 2— Evangelism

Nov. 9— Worship

Nov. 16— Fellowship

Nov. 23— Stewardship

## Information about the Interim Staff Changes and Hours as a Result of Pastor Tom's Retirement



**The Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer** will begin serving here as our Interim Assisting Pastor on November 4<sup>th</sup> and his first Sunday will be November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**"Pastor Allan"** will be doing hospital visits on Mondays and will have office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. He will share in representing the staff in our committees, attend staff meetings, join Golden Times and help provide programming, share leadership with Pastor Kris in the Friday morning Bible Study Class, share leadership with Rev. Patience and Pastor Kris with the Sunday morning Adult Class, assist with weddings and funerals, and assist in worship and preach. He will serve for 25 hours a week, which is part-time. His email is [interimpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:interimpastor@unionucc.org) and you can reach him by phone by calling the church office. We look forward to giving him a warm Union UCC, Neffs welcome!

**Rev. Patience** currently serves with us for about 10 hours a week, focusing on caring for people on our visitation list, leading Golden Times and the Helping Hearts, assisting with the Sunday morning Adult Class, assisting in worship monthly, preaching quarterly, and attending staff meetings. During this interim time, her hours will increase to 15 hours a week, she will add doing Wednesday hospital visitations, funerals, and additional Sunday morning Adult Class sessions. She typically does not have set office hours but appointments can be made by contacting her. Her email is [vispastor@unionucc.org](mailto:vispastor@unionucc.org) and you can reach her by phone by calling the church office.

**Pastor Kris** will continue to serve as an Acting Pastor. She will represent the staff at the committees previously staffed by the Senior Pastor and will take on more worship, preaching, funeral, wedding and administration responsibilities. She will continue to co-lead Confirmation Class (with Dan Topp, Sue Ondrey, and Karen Nuschke) and Youth Group (with Dave

DiPaolantonio) and High School Choir (with Chris Hamm). Pastor Kris's hours average about 50 a week. She is in the office on Tuesday-Friday mornings at 9:30 and most of those afternoons. You can contact her through the church office, her email [assocpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:assocpastor@unionucc.org) and her cell phone at 610-657-6007.



**Update: Meet our Pastoral Consultant: Rev. A. William Metzger**

At our Consistory meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Bill Metzger was approved to serve as our Consulting Interim Pastor. **"Pastor Bill"** will lead us through a process that will help the church discern God's call and planning for the church's future ministry and mission which will lead us to prepare to search for and call our next pastoral staff.

Rev. Metzger is an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Christ and a Clinical Member of the American Association of licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. He is also the Founder and President of Renaissance Consulting Group which provides consulting services to corporations, non-profits and churches. He comes highly recommended to us and has extensive experience in the business world and church life.

He resides in New Tripoli with his wife, Janice. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.

Watch your Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter for information about his work and ministry with us.

*The staff and leaders can't thank you enough for your support and prayers during this time of change. If you have questions or ideas or want to offer your help, please contact Consistory President Carrington Smith or Church and Ministry Chair David Fleming. (Contact the church office for their contact information.)*

### Hospital Info Update:

If you are in the hospital, please ask a family member, friend, or the hospital chaplain to call a pastor or the church office to let us know if you'd like us to visit. **Please do not rely on the church code system to tell us since it has proven to be inconsistent with information.** Our church code is 511 and if you are listed correctly, when we call the chaplain's office, you will appear under our number. Usually the pastors do hospital visits on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays hoping they will catch everyone at some point during their stay. We are more than glad to visit and pray with you, so **please don't hesitate to call on us.**

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday 7-8:30PM room 5.

We will study The Book of Revelations with a DVD video series led by Dr. Mickey Efir. Harry B. Burger invites you to come learn new things and grow in faith. Contact Harry B. Burger 610-767-5344.



## Youth Group News 6th-12th Grades

**For more information contact: Pastor Kris [assocpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:assocpastor@unionucc.org) 610-657-6007 Cell Or Dave DiPaolantonio at 610-349-9162 and [youthgroup@unionucc.org](mailto:youthgroup@unionucc.org).  
Facebook: Union UCC Youth Group [www.unionucc.org/Ministries/Youth Group](http://www.unionucc.org/Ministries/YouthGroup)  
Anyone who is in grades 6-12 is considered a member of youth group. Any parent, guardian of our youth or adult can assist youth group. Friends and families are always invited (unless noted).**

### Sun Nov 2 at The Breakfast Club (High School Class)

Do you have a child graduating from high school soon? Starting to think about college and don't know where to begin? One of our church members, **Brad Hackett**, has thirty years of experience working on college campuses. Two years at Colgate University, three years at Bucknell University, ten years at Syracuse University and most recently he works at Muhlenberg College for the past fifteen years. As a college coach, Hackett meets with hundreds of families every year, offering advice on the college search process. **Parents and Youth—Come meet with Hackett in Room 4 on November 2nd at 9:15am to learn more about the college search.**

**Sat Nov 8, 7:00-9:30pm Hang In Night** — Music, food, games, friends and time to hang in together. Bring a canned good for the food bank.

**Nov 21-23 Confirmation Class goes to Camp Ichthus** If you have been confirmed and you'd like to join us, contact Pastor Kris for forms. \$40

**Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Christmas Candy Sale** Pick up your fundraiser flier at church starting **Sunday, November 2**. This is a shared fundraiser with the Confirmation Class.

**Fri Dec 5 – Christmas Shopping (We'll be adopting 2 kids)** Meet at church at 6:30, home by 10. Bring money for dessert on the way home.

**Sun Dec 14 Advisory Team Meeting and Lunch 11:30am-1pm**

Looking Ahead:

**Sun Jan 18 11:30am-1pm Spuds and Suds Lunch—Fundraiser**  
**Sun March 22 Youth Sunday at 10:30 Worship**

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**9:15-10:15am**

\*Returns Sept 7\*

**THE MUNCH BUNCH** (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades 2nd Floor Room 203)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
**Starts Oct. 5**  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Room)  
Confirmands can go to The Breakfast Club when there's no class.

**THE BREAKFAST CLUB** (9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grades Room 4 Basement)

## Sunday Morning Alive

Sunday Morning Alive leads worship on Sundays at 10:30 for about six Sundays throughout the year.

We have a worship team that includes a group of singers, guitar players, keyboards and drums.

We play traditional and favorite hymns as well as contemporary and alternative worship music.

Nov. 30 at 10:30 Worship

## From Cemetery Commission

The commissioners once again thank Jacob Geiger for the work done to beautify the old cemetery as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Jacob is a member of Union Lutheran Church and a member of Scout Troop 57 of Neffs. Jacob, his family and all who helped are to be commended on their work efforts during the summer. On Labor Day, Jacob and his family completed the project by planting three new red maple trees on the old cemetery.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs John Simock, Mr & Mrs Curtis Schneck, and Mary Ann Wagner for their donation to each purchase one red maple tree. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Phil Wehr for their donation of one beech tree planted on Sec 15 of the cemetery.

**Employment Opportunity** - Union Church Cemetery is seeking an additional cemetery helper in 2015. The position is part time, approx 12 - 20 hours a week, dependant on weather. Applicants must enjoy working in the outdoors year round, able to lift heavy objects, be able to use lawn mowers, weed eaters, garden tools and equipment. For more information please call Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657.

### Members in the news:

**Zach Bath** was pictured in *The Parkland Press* as part of the Laury's Station Fire Company at Laury's Community Day.

**Sharon DiPaolantonio** was pictured on a billboard on Lehigh River Bridge on Route 22 West for St. Luke's Hospital.

**Karl Klinger** was inducted into the Allen-Rogowicz Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame.

**Abby Hill** was pictured in the *The Parkland Press* with class members from Orefield Middle School

## Golden Times

(Senior Adults)

*For those wise in years and young at heart.*

Our next gathering will be **Tues., November 4.**

**Church Member Sue Ondrey – "Aging in Place"**

Friendship, homemade soup, lunch, dessert and a program ~ Free!

## Stewardship Committee

"...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

The stewardship theme for the United Church of Christ this coming year is "Blessed to be a blessing." Sounds like a tall order, helping all peoples on the earth, but through your support of Union U.C.C., you are included in the national church and world-wide mission that does extend God's blessings to those who are in great need.

One last reminder of a great thing you can do for your church: Invite someone you know to join you at Union U.C.C. It doesn't have to be obvious-just talking about something you have enjoyed here can be enough. Our music, our programs and our many events creating fellowship are all potential conversations to share with your friends and neighbors.

Don't keep it to yourself: Share the fun with others. By growing our church, we'll stay strong so we can continue doing God's work in the world. It is indeed blessed to be a blessing.

## 2015 Envelope packets

Envelope packets for 2015 will be ready for pickup after Thanksgiving. Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs.

Please do not use the new envelopes until 2015, everyone gets new numbers each year. Thank you, The Stewardship Committee.

## Adult Study

Friday Morning Adult Class

9:30am-11am Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

- **October 31** – Pastor Kris **Is Heaven for Real?** We'll look at scripture, faith traditions and the current movie as part of our discussion on heaven.
- **Nov 7, 14, 21** – Pastor Allan Kramer-Moyer will conduct a 3 week Bible Study series entitled "**Praying the Psalms**," beginning November 7 @ 9:30 am. We will explore "The Rhythm of the Psalms," "Psalms of Lament," and "Psalms of Praise."

Nov 7 "Praying the Psalms"

Nov 14 "Psalms of Lament"

Nov 21 "Psalms of Praise"

(No Class November 28)

Sunday Morning Adult Class

9:15-10:15am Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

- **November 2:** "The Village Effect: What Does It Mean to Live in Community?"
- **November 9:** "The Village Movement: Learn about how communities are formed to "age in place"
- **November 16:** Joint class with The Breakfast Club with favorite guest speaker, Jarod Pokorny on "More Learnings from the Wilderness"

Pastor Allan Kramer-Moyer will share his understanding of "Narrative Spirituality and the Bible" He will discuss how God's presence becomes most real to us at the point where the Bible story and our personal stories intersect.

- **November 23** "Narrative Spirituality and the Bible"
- **November 30** "The Spiritual Autobiography of Allan Kramer-Moyer"
- **December 7** "The Stories of Advent"



Help us to remember our Home Visitation Members by sponsoring a Poinsettia Plant at the cost of \$8.25. These members are unable to come to church to see the decorations in the sanctuary. However, you are able to help share the joy and love of Christmas with them by sponsoring a Poinsettia Plant for them.

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a Poinsettia Plant at the cost of \$8.25 for our church services during the Christmas Season, in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, should order using the order form below. **The deadline date for orders is Sunday, December 1, 2014.**

### POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM 2014

- I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) for a **HOMEBOUND MEMBER**.
- I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) for **CHRISTMAS SERVICES** which I may pick up after 11PM church services on December 24th. I will pick up my Poinsettia(s) following the service.  YES  NO

**TOTAL # OF POINSETTIA(S)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.25 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print** your information on this form and place in the offering plate with your payment (checks payable to Union UCC) or mail to the church office (PO Box 66, Neffs, PA 18065-0066) **no later than Sunday, December 1, 2014.**



# Join us for an Advent Celebration!

When: December 7, 2014  
After the 10:30 service

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: All ages are welcome!

What: Brunch (by the Fellowship Committee)

Three stratas: baked french toast, italian with sausage, ham & cheese  
gluten free cereal  
breads, muffins, fresh fruit, hot and cold beverages

Christmas Cookie Share

Decorate a Gingerbreadman

Fun and Fellowship

Cost: \$4.00 per Gingerbread Kit



A Christian Education Committee and Fellowship Committee event!

Bring a batch of your favorite CHRISTMAS COOKIES to share.

Please return this ADVENT CELEBRATION registration form and \$4.00 (for each Gingerbread Kit) by Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014.

Join us for an afternoon of food, friendship and fun!

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We plan on only staying for lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ We plan on staying for lunch and the gingerbread craft.



*Karen Fleming is our Catch the Spirit recipient for November. She will be recognized on November 16, 2014 at the 10:30am worship service.*

By Karen Fleming

I was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Allensville, PA. While growing up at St. Paul, I sang in the cherub, junior & high school choirs, assisted my mother in teaching Sunday School, helped serve at fund-raising turkey dinners and served as Sunday School secretary. I was active in youth group as well.

After David and I married, I became a member of his church, the Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ in Huntingdon, PA. At the Abbey, I taught the junior high school Sunday School group and served as chair of the Christian Education Committee.

I have been married to David Fleming since 1973 and we have one daughter, Jennifer. I was an educator for 38 years and retired December 30, 2011 from Northampton Area School District where I served as a principal for 13 years. I currently work part time as a receptionist at Donna's Medical/Therapeutic Mas-

sage. I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and friends, walking, movies, traveling & theater.

When our family moved to Schnecksville in 1990, we began attending Union UCC and felt very welcomed. We joined a few months later. At Union UCC I have served as both a children's church and Sunday school teacher and have served as a confirmation God Guide. I am currently a member of Consistory and am a co-chair of the funeral luncheon committee. In addition, I am on the Board of Directors of the Penn Northeast Conference and serve on the PNEC Williams Scholarship Committee.

One of the things I love about our church is our ability to provide energizing programs for children. I appreciate our welcoming and accepting atmosphere and our diversity of programs that allow participation at all ages & stages of life.

Thank you to the Church & Ministry Committee for nominating me for the award.

## Property Committee

The time of the year of leaves changing color, leaves falling, and leaves being raked. Yes, fall is here, a beautiful time of the year.

Walking around the church property, you may have noticed a few sidewalks being repaired which were broken and unsafe for members and guests. Walking in the grove, or just driving by, you may have noticed contractors and construction trucks in the middle of the grove. **Work in the grove is in full swing.**

The foundation for the new covered pavilion was installed, and the concrete floor poured during the middle of October. As the weeks progress, the posts, columns and trusses will be installed to create a covered pavilion, matching the look of our stage. Work will continue through the fall and winter months with completion by spring, in time for grass and tree planting. **Next summer and for years to come members and guests will enjoy a dry, covered seating area during the many events in Neffs Church Grove.** A big thank you to all the contractors who are working on our grove improvements.

Give thanks for all we have - Happy Thanksgiving.

## Sunday Sponsors:

We are in need of sponsors weekly for Adult/Children's Bulletins, Spread the Good News and Flower Baskets.

Flowers (\$30) Phyllis Hamm at 610-349-0324; Bulletins (\$20, \$8) Ruth Purner at 610-432-1761 Spread the Good News (\$20) Tara Henninger 610-767-6961

or see our website at [www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give](http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give).

**We thank Claire Kern, Deb Topp, Deb Wenner, and Pastor Kris** for sharing their talents in decorating the altar and worship space on Sundays. We hope you find this meaningful and worshipful.

## Women's of Union UCC



### Union UCC Women's Retreat April 17-19, 2015 Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Members, Friends, Family members are invited.  
Theme: Garden Getaway ~ Where Women Walk with God

Cost: \$125 (Collecting \$60 deposit now through January 1<sup>st</sup>, final payment due April 5.)

Pay to "Union UCC" either by mail or drop in mailbox at church. Be sure to mark your check "Women's Retreat."

Leaders: Pastor Kris and the Planning Team

## Mission Committee

**The GREAT Toilet Paper Challenge is coming again to Union UCC for the whole month of November.** Toilet paper is a basic and common toiletry item in our society, a simple roll filled with squares of toilet paper found in every bathroom.

A simple convenience that many of us take for granted, yet many people struggle financially to purchase this much needed toiletry item. Toilet paper, soap, and other toiletry items may not be purchased through the food stamp program.

**To help families in need throughout the Lehigh Valley, Union UCC is on a mission to once again collect a mountain of toilet paper,** with a goal of collecting more than our last collection two years ago of over 2,200 rolls.

Head to your favorite shopping spot for a few rolls of toilet paper, bulk quantities are welcomed, and bring to the foyer to create our mountain of toilet paper. You can make a difference to the lives of others with your generous support of this mission project.

Toilet paper will then be distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Allentown Rescue Mission, Sixth Street Shelter and other local mission agencies.

THANK YOU!

### Operation Project Food Bank

Every November, Union UCC is responsible to provide volunteers to help distribute food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald. **Ten to twelve volunteers are needed on Thursday November 6, 13, and 20 from 3:34 pm - 7:15 pm and on Saturday November 22 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon.** Please consider providing time to help others, call Phil Wehr 610-767-3657 or Wilbur Romig 610-285-2191. The food bank is located on Center Street in Emerald, directly across from the Washington Township Municipal building.

The NL food bank provides food relief to over 250 families in the local area. Director Dale Bryfogle manages the huge task of overseeing the daily operations of the food bank, along with many volunteers from the community, over twelve participating local churches, and other service organizations.

She is always looking for more regular helpers to organize, stock shelves, distribute food and other duties. Volunteer opportunities are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please contact Phil or Wilbur for more information.



Hannah Fund

The Hannah Fund was established to help the Snyder-Samuels family during their daughter Hannah's treatment for leukemia. For 17 years the fund has helped children with medical issues and expenses. Due to a decrease in giving and a decrease in needs, the Snyder-Samuels family asked for the fund to be dissolved. Consistory approved this request and the balance of the fund was given to the Camelot House, Angel 34 Foundation, and various church families.

Gifts and requests for help can still be made with the church office and Pastors through the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. This fund includes fees given to the pastors from weddings and funerals as well as other donations from church members and church groups. The funds are used to provide emergency assistance to community members and church members and to supplement special events and ministries here.

## RX Corner

by Ann Kirka, R.Ph.

Heartburn, or acid reflux, is a common complaint. Approximately 20% of all people experience at least one episode of heartburn once a week or more. While occasional heartburn isn't dangerous, more frequent episodes can lead to serious health problems or esophageal damage. There are several ways to prevent and treat this digestive disorder.

As with many other health conditions, lifestyle changes are recommended first. Avoid food triggers that are known to cause heartburn, lose weight to prevent abdominal discomfort, and quit smoking. If nighttime heartburn is an issue, raise the head of the bed or prop up with pillows.

Several over the counter products are available to treat and prevent heartburn. Antacids work by neutralizing the stomach acid and can help with gas discomfort. Examples include Tums®, Alka-Seltzer®, Maa-lox®, Mylanta®, Pepto-Bismol®, and Amphojel®. Follow the directions on the bottle for dosages and never take more than recommended amount.

Acid reducers are also effective for heartburn. Also known as histamine antagonists (H2's), these medications suppress the production of acid in the stomach. Examples include famotidine (Pepcid®) and ranitidine (Zantac®). Lower dosages are available over the counter, while the higher doses require a prescription. Acid reducers can interfere with the absorption of some other medications, so check with your pharmacist to avoid interactions.

The last class of medications used for severe heartburn is proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs. These also work by reducing the amount of gastric acid that is produced. Long term or high dose use can lead to an increase in bone fracture and infection. Examples include omeprazole (Prilosec®), esomeprazole (Nexium®), pantoprazole (Protonix®), and lansoprazole (Prevacid®).

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about treating heartburn.



In October, the students in our 3 year old class visited Bylers Farm and the students in our 4 year old and pre-k classes enjoyed a trip to Seiple Farms. The children learned about fire safety, practiced fire drills, and enjoyed a visit with the firemen from Neffs Fire Company.

We are selling Kidstuff Books (\$25) and Enjoy the City SaveAround Books (\$20). The books make great Christmas gifts. Each book offers a different variety of discount coupons for dining and shopping. The book sales will end December 5<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit the Preschool children. If you would like to purchase a book, stop by or call the Preschool office at (610) 767-5327.

### RECYCLING DRIVE

SPONSORED BY NEFFS UCC PRESCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10

THE TRUCK WILL BE OPEN 7:30 AM to 7 PM BY THE UNION CHURCH GROVE

Now is the time to clean out those closets. The Preschool is holding a fall used clothing and household item drive November 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> with Recycle Local. Items accepted include clothing, shoes, toys, books, linens, kitchen and household items, luggage, knickknacks, sporting goods, exercise equipment, electronics, & tools. **No large appliances, large furniture items, TV's, or CRT monitors, mattresses, car seats, anything moldy or mildewed. Look for the flyers posted around the Church.**

**HELP WANTED:** Neffs Preschool is looking for a TEACHER ASSISTANT. The assistant will work with 4 year olds and PreK children on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, beginning January 5, 2015. Monday and Wednesday hours are 8:30-3:30 and Friday hours are 8:30-1:30. Applicants need to have early childhood experience or early childhood certification. Please send resume to Neffs Preschool, 5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA 18065. Contact Linda Migliori at 610-767-5327 or [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) for more information. Application deadline: December 12, 2014.

## Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers

Our Helping Hearts group cares for our members on our visitation list by delivering flowers sponsored by church members and by visiting, sharing prayers and Christian friendship. Our Communion Ministers also share in this ministry by delivering communion. **Our next meeting will be on December 11th.**