

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday/ Easter Sunday

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatosh, Faith Formation Minister of Children
Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager
Kiel Baer/ Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up
AJ DiPaolantonio, Night Lock-up
Maria Beltz./ Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers

CONSISTORY OFFICERS

President: Eric Minnich, VP: Don Penrod, Secretary: Janice Metzger, Treasurer: Marianne Kitzmiller

● ● ● **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF JOY
AND CONCERN** ● ● ●

To share a prayer request you may use the yellow prayer slips found in the racks in your seats and hand it to a pastor. Or submit [online here](#).

Medical

baby Cameron, Diane recovering from surgery, Brad, Linda, Jim, JJ, Leo and family, Annette, Ellen, Frank. Elaine recovering, 3 year old with diabetes, Bruce, Kim, Veronica battling cancer, Annette recovering, Brad during cancer treatments, mom's health

General

brother and all people suffering from anxiety and depression, sister for peace, comfort, and healing, the Bruder family and friends, Dave, Rich, Craig, Tandy's quick recovery, Karen's recovery, Keri's recovery, Monna Lou's good results, Nancy, Robbie, son suffering from anxiety and depression and his family, all who suffer from dementia, a husband's job search, good test results, Olivia, Aleah, Dee, Bruce, Elaine, Shannon, friends going through a divorce

If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or church office, or ask a family member to do so. Please be sure to give the hospital our church code (511). If we missed you during your hospital stay, let us know 610-767-6961.

APRIL WORSHIP

SUNDAY APRIL	2	PALM SUNDAY
THURSDAY APRIL	6 6PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY IN MEMORIAL HALL Potluck Meal, Worship, Communion
FRIDAY APRIL	7 7PM	GOOD FRIDAY IN THE SANCTUARY Worship with Communion
SUNDAY APRIL	9	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Sunrise in Cemetery 8am and 10:30am in church
SUNDAY APRIL	16	HOLY HUMOR/ RED NOSE SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL	23	HEALING SERVICE BAPTISM AT 10:30
SUNDAY APRIL	30	5TH SUNDAY

Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary and Livestream on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs>
 or on Facebook and Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/UnionUnitedChurchofChristNeffsPA>
 anytime during the week



First Communion 2023

**Congratulations to the following
youth on their first communion**

Hazel Dojack

Aubrey Flueso

Casimir Porembo

Esther Porembo





Golden Times



Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the funds.

May 2 (Final of the season):

- ~Entertainment by Lorri Woodward
 - ~Please bring a small dessert to share
 - ~Donations for food bank: Toiletries
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Sunday, April 16th

**Holy Humor, Red Nose Sunday,
and OPEN MIC Sunday!**

Have you ever wanted your chance to speak in church?

Or sit in the pastors' chair? Now is your chance!

Pastor Kris is looking for people to share a joke or funny story (or inspiring story) or to talk about what brings you joy or helps you keep the faith.

Sign up with her by/on Easter Sunday by emailing pastorkris@unionucc.org or by speaking to her.

She's looking for people to speak at 8am and 10:30am.

Don't miss this chance to share your best joke or story!

She may never offer this again!!!





Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up

I would like to help in (please circle all that apply):

Crafts

Bible Story

Skits

Grade Level Crew Leader

Age Level _____

Teen Helper (8th grade +)

To Help in Vacation Bible School (June 26-30 6-8pm)

Name _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Email _____

Phone _____

All volunteers need current child abuse and criminal checks.

Any questions, contact Tiffany Lakatosh (dired@unionucc.org)

Please return this form to the church office or Tiffany's mailbox.



VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING

Adults and teens (currently in 8th grade or older) interested in volunteering for VBS are invited to attend our meeting. Contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org with any questions.

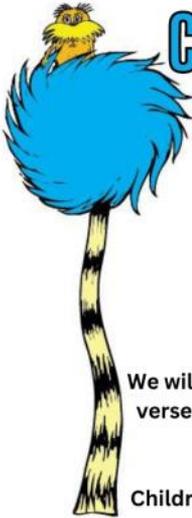


**SUNDAY,
APRIL 30TH
AT 11:30 IN
THE YOUTH
ROOM**



Join us for VBS 2023 June 26th-30th from 6-8pm where we will learn how to SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! Children age Preschool to 7th grade are invited to attend. A meal will be available at 5:30pm. Registration is \$5 per child.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/xcAGFpuoH17wt3v5>



CHILDREN'S CHURCH EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 23RD

We will be reading The Lorax, relating it to Bible verses, and discussing what we can do to help the Earth in our day to day life.

Children are invited to wear blue and/or green.

Y.A.T. LUNCH!

All youth are invited to join us for some lunch, fun, and dreaming!

When: April 23, 2023

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Youth Room

Sign-up Here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-yat1)

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DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

HOSTED BY UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND UNION UCC NEFFS

Giving blood is crucial to save people's lives & make sure blood is available when it's needed



Contact Julie Wehr for more information
julesart1965@hotmail.com

DAFFODILS IN THE GROVE are starting to bloom. Now is the time to take a stroll though the trails in the grove to see thousands and thousands of daffodils and other spring flowers. Park in the grove parking lot and walk over to the gazebo and start your stroll. Full bloom will be Easter week. God's beauty comes alive each spring.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

SPRING OF 2024?



Before Covid flipped our world upside down, we successfully host two meal packing events packing over 200,000 meals! Many people have been asking, "Are we going to bring this event back?" In the next couple months we hope to answer that question by gaging the interest so please let us know what you think. A committee has been formed to help determine whether we are able to host again next spring. Hannah Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Eric Minnich, Ron Snyder, Ann Koren, Everett and Eliot Lightner are all part of the committee and are hoping we can! Please reach out to anyone of us if you are interested in helping in anyway. It is quite a commitment as each meal costs \$.30 so the total fund raising comes to about \$30,000. While this can be seen as a difficult goal these meals are desperately needed. Due to COVID and inflation the amount of child that die each day from hunger related caused has increased from 6,000, when we last hosted, to now 10,000! Please let me know if you would like to help and feel we should try and take on the challenge.



Contact Eliot Lightner for more information



610-844-8327



Eliot5779@gmail.com



Country Sale?

The core Country Sale committee and a few new interested people have met to discuss the possibility of bringing back the church yard sale on a smaller scale next May 4, 2024. We have had plenty of interest in renting spaces but need helpers both in preparation for the event and at the event itself. We will need interested helpers in the following areas:

- Committee members for planning (zoom meetings, meet every few months)
- Person to take reservations and assign rental spaces*
- Marking assigned spaces *
- Kitchen helpers to prep for the event on Thursday & Friday (days and eves)
- Kitchen helpers at the event on Saturday (7am-2pm, 2-4 hour shifts)
- Food Shoppers *
- Publicity and signs*
- Bake sale helpers at the event on Saturday
- Bakers
- Parking Attendants and greeters day of sale 7A to 10:30 (4 people)
- Grill guys (hot dogs and burgers)
- Preparation of money for food and baked goods and counting afterwards*
- Organize and price baked goods day before and day of event*
- Organize some type of raffle
- Helpers at conclusion of the event, tear down, trash cans, clean up

*Asterisks are areas that are covered. Please consider sharing your time and energy in one of the other areas to help us bring this favorite event back. Please reach out to pastorkris@unionucc.org if interested. We realize this is over a year away but before we can schedule the event, we need to know if we have enough interested helpers.



VICKI SORG, DIANE SCHALLER, CLAIRE KERN,
KATHY BONSELL, SHEILA NAGLE, SHERRY PENROD,
DAN & DEB TOPP, PHIL WEHR, PASTOR KRIS

UCC Night at the Iron Pigs



In the Picnic Pavilion with all-you-can-eat Buffet!

Friday, July 28 7:05 pm

Doors open at 5:45 pm

Only \$28/person!

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE

COTACT STEVE KAREHA.

717-514-8881 or s.kareha@gmail.com

ORDERS can be emailed or dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but **MUST** be in an envelope marked **Iron Pigs Tickets.**

Payments can be made by Cash, Check, Venmo or PayPal
(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

Bring your friends and family!

Stephen Kareha
@Stephen-Kareha



venmo



PayPal

Easter Flower Sponsors

Sponsor:

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In Memory Of:

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RIP Mom & Dad and Ray Arey

Charles & Edna Best

Son, Chris

Parents, Marvin & Beatrice Christman

Richard Correll

Robert & Dorothy Hoppes

Ellwood Stauffer Jr. and James Daluisio

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Loves Ones

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Margaret Conrad

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Gordon & Ruth Rothrock

Great Grandparents Lewis & Florence Oswald,
Grandmother Grace Oswald, Mother Betty
Jane Koehler

Loved Ones



Easter Flower Sponsors



Sponsor:

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Susan Steinmann

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Reichenbach Family

Zachary Reichenbach

Julie & Phil Wehr

In Memory of:

Earl & Lena Frantz, parents

Parents & Grandparents

Sylvester

Parents

Clifford L. Reph

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LeRoy Neff, Louise Murphy, Keith Baer

Mom and Dad, Ruth & Fred Roberts

Rhonda Santilli

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Brother, Floyd, & Sister, Gertrude Knipe

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Teri, and Barbara

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Betty, Uncle, Floyd, and Aunt, Gert

Mother & Father Wehr



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Sara Jane Brace

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George and Diane Karetsky

Darlene and Dennis Kreitz



Charles and Carol Mesics

Linda Stewart

Dan & Iris Young



In Honor Of:

Ray, Dawn, Jolene, & Jennifer

Grandchildren— Tyler, Kaylee, Emileigh,
Julia, & Hudson

Elizabeth Daluisio

Nana & PopPop Peters

Veronica Fabian

Grandchildren— Ethan, Clay, Carolyn, &
Alexa

Grace Oswald, Mother Betty Jane Koehler



Michele Motter and Tracy Snyder

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next dates are **May 21 & July 16**. There is a pre-baptism zoom session with the pastor the week before. Sign up by calling the church office at 610-767-6961 or emailing Marissa Haney at administrator@unionucc.org. The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

New Member Sessions: Are you thinking about deepening your faith commitment to Union UCC? To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family contact Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris: No Class April 7 and 9
Writing Your Sacred Story- Spiritual memoirs uncover and honor what is sacred in a person's life story. The act of writing a spiritual memoir also allows people to explore their faith journey and their relationship with the divine. We will read examples from several spiritual memoirs. Participants will then have a chance to explore their own faith journeys through some short, guided writing exercises. No writing experience required!

Sessions Fridays from 9:30 to 11, April 14, 21 and 28

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15, April 16, 23 and 30

These sessions will be led by Union UCC member Vicki Mayk, an experienced writing teacher and the author of *Growing Up On The Gridiron: Football, Friendship and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas*.

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