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Union
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
Neffs, Pennsylvania

HONORING THE PAST * CELEBRATING THE PRESENT
BUILDING THE FUTURE

Welcome Back!

From Pastor Kris

We hope you had a great summer. Our pastors and staff look forward to starting and sharing another church year with you.

Worship and Sermon Series: "Short Stories by Jesus"

The pastors will be preaching on the parables of Jesus from September 7-October 18 using a book by Amy-Jill Levine. "Jesus was a skilled storyteller and teacher who used images from everyday life to stir up interest in his message about the Kingdom of God." Hear how these stories can still challenge and provoke us today.

Sept 7 - Pastor Allan "Laborers in the Vineyard" Matthew 20.1-16

Sept 13 - Pastor Kris "The Rich Man and Lazarus" Luke 16.19-31

Sept 20 - Pastor Bill "The Prodigal Son" Luke 15.11-32

Sept 27 - Pastor Allan "The Mustard Seed" Matthew 13.31-32



Sunday, September 13th

At 10:30 worship: **Blessing of the Backpacks and Donated School Supplies**

Sermon: "How I Spent My Summer Vacation: How To Make a Good Summer Last."

We'll hear from some people about what they did this summer on mission trips and service projects and other ways that their summer was a blessing to them. Discover ways to make the spirit of summer last. Ice cream and Rita's at coffee hour.

Sunday, September 20th Harvest Home Celebration

We need everyone's food contributions and support. The wheelbarrow for canned goods and groceries will be available for donations starting Sunday, September 13, in the church foyer. All home gardeners or produce shoppers, please drop off fresh produce for the display during Harvest Home set up time on **Saturday September 19 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** All produce and groceries items will be distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank.

Let us celebrate God's bounty on this Earth and be thankful for all we have, and share with others.

Sunday, September 27th Baptism

Congregational Forums at 9:15 and 11:30 *See page 13 for more details.

Whether your summer was restful, wonderful, challenging, or routine, we hope that your faith continues to be a source of strength, courage, wisdom and grace in your life. God is with us through all the seasons of the year and of our lives.



From the Interim Pastor

"Putting an end to childish things..."

"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." *1 Corinthians 13:11*

Last month I had the opportunity to participate in the "Preschool in the Park" program. Annette Wilcox, our new preschool director, her staff, and members of the Preschool Board welcomed new parents and preschool children to a morning of activities in our church grove.

It was interesting to observe the preschoolers and parents as they got out of their cars and walked toward the pavilion where Mrs. Wilcox was registering them. Some of the children were excited and ran to see what was going on. Others were more cautious and held their parents' hands as they walked timidly toward the pavilion. One or two preschoolers were downright terrified and clutched tenaciously to their mother's waist, resisting every step. I think the parents had similar reactions, although they put on a good front and were more experienced in covering up their uncertainties.

After the children were registered the teachers and helpers broke them up into small groups with activities from storytelling to crafts to planting flowers to playing games to painting the sidewalk with water. It was fascinating to see how these preschoolers overcame their initial anxieties once they got involved in their activities. Their little personalities emerged and they were filled with new life. The one little boy who was so shy at the start couldn't stop talking with excitement!

Going home that day I began to think about how we Christians are just as timid when it comes to spiritual matters. We are reluctant to talk about our faith. Some of us are afraid to pray in public. Some are downright terrified to attend any adult education classes because we feel too uncertain of ourselves and what we believe.

Believe it or not, that's the way it should be! The Apostle Paul reminds us, *"Now we speak and think and reason like children... Now we see in a mirror dimly... Now we know only in part..."* (1 Corinthians 13:9-12) We aren't supposed to have all the answers.

But we are supposed to seek opportunities to grow in our faith. We are supposed to educate ourselves about the Bible. We are supposed to practice praying together. And this is why we come to Church. We come to Church not to find all the answers, but to grow in our relationship with God.

We at Union UCC are blessed to have many different opportunities to grow in our faith: Sunday worship, Bible studies, adult education programs, mission projects, social activities....

We can be just as excited or timid, just as resistant or uncertain, just as stubborn or unwilling to come to Church as those preschoolers coming to "Preschool in the Park." But I'm here to tell you that if you let yourself get involved here, your little personality will emerge and you too will be filled with new life. Give us a try!

Pastor Allan

Consistory Minutes

by Deidre Bilger (Subject to Approval)

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, August 17, 2015 by President Brad Hackett.

The Treasurer's Report and July/August 2015 bills were presented and approved.

Property and Maintenance Committee reported that Vacation Bible School used the entire property in fine fashion and was a great event for all. Usage of the grove this summer has gone very well; everyone is enjoying the new pavilion and surrounding grounds. There are plans to plant at least three new trees next Spring. In the basement kitchen, the old pass through doors have been removed, new roll-up doors will be installed next month, and a new grease trap has been installed. Two week-long summer music and acting camps were held and went well.

Christian Education Committee reported on The Safe Child Policy as well as the possibility of having committee

co-chairs to share in committee responsibilities.

Mission Committee reported that school supplies are being collected, the Northern Lehigh Foodbank is being supported and that Vacation Bible School was successful again this year.

Church and Ministry provided the Open & Affirming Ad Hoc Team's recommendation on how to approach the Open & Affirming process. Church and Ministry presented the Senior Pastor Search Committee nominees. Also presented was a final listing of inactive members that will receive a letter indicating they will be removed from the Church register.

The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 101.

Union UCC...in search of mission, vision and leadership



"If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what God reveals, they are most blessed." Proverbs 29:18 [MSG]

As previously shared with you, the Leadership Planning Team [LPT] has identified eight [8] **Key Areas of Ministry & Mission**. LPT Sub-teams, working with existing Committees, have developed outcomes, goals and plans for each Key Area for the next 3-5 years and developed a **draft Union UCC Plan for Ministry & Mission for your review and refinement at 2 Congregational Forums on Sunday, September 27th, at 9:15-10:15 AM and 11:45-12:45 PM in Memorial Hall. We want and need your input so please plan to attend these Forums!**

The **Search Committee** was established by Consistory, 8/17/15, and includes Sue Ondrey, Ardith Kuhns, Teresa Dalrymple, Donna Christman, Dave Fleming [Chair], Carrington Smith, Phil Wehr, Don Penrod, Aften Hamm & Dennis Foster. They will soon begin developing Union's Local Church Profile, utilizing input from the LPT and the Congregation. The **Search Committee will be installed** in worship on September 27th, 2015. **In September we will continue to gather input from the congregation on the pastoral skills, leadership attributes and expectations you have for your next Sr. Pastor. Please respond to those requests - we**

encourage, want, need and appreciate your input. Thank you.

We are ahead of schedule to complete the final Profile and final Plan for Ministry & Mission and request Congregational endorsement at the January 24th, 2016 semi-annual Congregational Meeting. **The Search for your next Senior Pastor will commence in February 2016, 2 months ahead of our original schedule!**

Please **visit our Union UCC web site** where you will find a link to a page that contains an overview of the process we are following as well as other pertinent documents related to our work and ministry together. As we "attend to what God reveals" during this process, **please continue to keep Union UCC, its staff, leaders and the entire congregation in your prayers.**

Pastor Bill

Rev. A. William Metzger

SonSpark Labs—VBS 2015 June 22-26

- Our average daily attendance was 100 children.
- We had 54 teen and adult "Professors".
- The children experienced music, crafts, recreation, snacks, Bible story and classroom time everyday in a three hour time period. The morning went fast!
- Our daily offering totaled \$1686.29. We collected \$600.00 at our Friday evening program for a grand total of \$2286.00!
- We collected 1327 toiletry and food items for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and we donated \$1000 to The Four Diamonds Fund, to help support families dealing with pediatric cancer and to help research for a cure.
- Our 6th and 7th graders (Awesome Atoms) made butterfly houses in crafts and then donated them to the nursing home on Washington Street. The group walked the houses to the home and visited with some of the patients, including our very own Dorothy Rabert, and their therapy dogs, Roman and George.
- Pastor Allan was an awesome Professor Peter Petri. The Professor and his assistant, Sally (Jenni Herbine), entertained the children every morning with exciting science experiments. The children in the front never knew what to expect would fly off the stage....from ping pong balls, to balloons to toilet paper!
- We enjoyed celebrating Pastor Kris's 50th birthday with her!
- We ended our week with a celebration in the grove, where the children sang songs they learned during the week, experienced a science demonstration by Mr. Bill from Mad Science in the Lehigh Valley, and enjoyed yummy ice cream sundaes (donated by Lisa Blose and Friendly's).
- Great kids! Great volunteers! Great weather!
- We had an awesome week in the Lab!



Children's Programs

Nursery to 6th Grade

Contact: Kathy Bonsell 610-767-6961

Email: dired@unionucc.org



Backpack Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13th is BACKPACK SUNDAY!

Bring your backpack to church (**filled with school supplies to donate**) for the 10:30 worship. Start the school year off with a special blessing!

SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS

Sept. 13 Church Family Worship
Backpack Sunday

Sept. 20 Mark 9:30-37

Big Kids: Genesis 1:1-8 / Harvest Home

Sept. 27 James 5:13-20

Big Kids: Genesis 1:9-13

Children's Church

September 20th – Children's Church opens it's doors during the 10:30 worship service. Three year olds through sixth grade join us after Children's Time in the sanctuary. 1st-6th Grade move to Room 7 for a large group lesson, songs and prayer, and then we move to grade level classrooms for age appropriate activities. Preschoolers and Kindergarteners meet and stay in room 100. Parents meet their children at their classrooms after the worship service. Grade levels are combined to support the "Safe Child" policy and to ensure a sufficient number of volunteers for each classroom.

Preschool/Kindergarten – Room 100

1st and 2nd Grade – Room 7

3rd and 4th Grade – Room 5

5th and 6th Grade – Room 4

We will use the **WHIRL** curriculum for the second year. This curriculum is lectionary and includes videos and leaflets. PARENTS: There are many great ideas in the leaflets to explore during the week. Our Preschool/K classroom will use 'Lil K, a "Blue's Clues" for Sunday School video program.

We still need volunteers to help us with this year's Children's Church. No experience is necessary. Husband/wife teams, parent/child (7th grade and above), best friends, siblings all make great teams. Looking for more men to be a part of our church's Christian Education programs. Join us one Sunday a month! It's only 6-8 Sundays a year! Contact Kathy Bonsell (dired@unionucc.org).

Trunk or Treat



A **Trunk or Treat** is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They

open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

We will be hosting our **TRUNK OR TREAT** here at Union UCC on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 24th from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Last year, we had 25 decorated cars in our parking lot and over 150 trick or treaters. Hopefully, we will have even more this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy or sign up on her office door. Participating means you will **decorate your trunk** and **provide candy** for the trick or treaters (costumes are optional). Please sign up by Oct. 11th. Prizes for Best Decorated and Most Creative will be awarded. **Let's provide a safe and fun trick or treating experience for the children of our church and our community!**

Sunday School...What's the BUZZ????

September 13th is the Grand Opening of Sunday School during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15)!

Parents of all age levels are asked to take their children to their children's classroom and then join Kathy Bonsell in the Youth Room for a short, informative overview of the year and to register their children. Registered children will be entered into a drawing for PRIZES!

Preschool /Kindergarten– Room 100

1st and 2nd Grade - Room 7

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade – Fellowship Hall

6th and 7th Grade (The Munch Bunch) – old office on 2nd floor



The **Christian Education Committee** met and worked throughout the summer revising our **Safe Child Policy** and developing short and long range plans. This committee will have its first meeting for the 2015-2016 program year on **Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00 in Room 5.** The CE Committee is the "think tank" for educational and children's programming. **We are currently looking for new committee members. If you are looking for a short term commitment, we are also looking for volunteers to help with TRUNK OR TREAT.** Please consider joining us on September 3rd or contact Kathy Bonsell (dired@unionucc.org or 610767-6961) if you have any questions.



Youth Group News 6th-12th Grades

**For more information contact: Pastor Kris assocpastor@unionucc.org 610-657-6007 Cell Or Dave DiPaolantonio at 610-349-9162 and youthgroup@unionucc.org.
 Facebook: Union UCC Youth Group www.unionucc.org/Ministries/Youth Group
 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).**



CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 2016 If you are in 8th grade we hope you will be part of this year's Confirmation class. Information forms and letters have been mailed and can also be found on our website. Forms and a registration fee of \$45 were due **August 30** but if we missed you, please contact Pastor Kris. **A required information session for each student and at least 1 parent will be on October 4th, 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room (basement.) This will be the last day to join the class. If you know someone who is interested in being in the class, please have them contact the church office or go to our church website.**

Youth Group Advisory Team: I'm still looking for youth and parents to serve on the Advisory Team for this school year (especially 6th-8th graders). Your job would be to attend about 3 team meetings throughout the year and to help plan and lead youth group events. Interested youth need to send me a paragraph about why they'd like to serve by Sep 13. Interested adults need to reply.

****The first meeting is on Sunday, September 13th 5-8pm.***

Supper included with pool party too!

It's not too late to join the team, contact Pastor Kris or Dave D for info or to sign up.

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:15-10:15am

THE MUNCH BUNCH (6th & 7th grades 2nd Floor Room 203)
Resumes September 13

CONFIRMATION CLASS
(8th grade Youth Room)
Confirmands can go to The Breakfast Club when there's no class.
Starts Oct 4

THE BREAKFAST CLUB (9th- 12th grades Room 4 Basement)
Resumes September 13

Sleepout for Homelessness September 26-27 The event where you get to sleep in a box. We're hosting it this year with other youth from area UCC churches joining us! Arrive at 6pm (eat supper at home), participate in various activities from 6pm-12 midnight to learn about homelessness and poverty. (Yeah, it's fun too, no worries.) We will try to stay outside all night, weather permitting. Share breakfast and worship in the morning. You're done by 12noon. You'll be asked to raise at least \$25 which will go to a local agency that helps youth and children who are homeless. **Watch your mail for permission forms/sponsor forms which will be due September 27th.**



National Youth Event 2016 * Walt Disney World Resort * July 25-30, 2016

You have heard that National Youth Events are an amazing experience. (It's a gathering of middle and high school UCC Youth from around the country who get together for a week of workshops, fun, worship, and friends every 4 years.) Now we present to you: A National Youth Event at DISNEY WORLD! See your email for details. **\$50 Deposit to "Union UCC Youth Group" Due Now through September 13, 2015. No signs ups or deposits will be accepted after that date. No exceptions.**

College Students/Parents

Send us your school address when you get it or let us know if you're at home. Care packages are involved.

Holiday Craft Show Saturday, Oct 17th

Sign up to volunteer for an hour shift.





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.

**October 18 at 10:30
Worship**

Golden Times

(Senior Adults) *For those wise in years and young at heart.*

Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, October 6
12 noon – 1:30pm**

Program: "Healthy Rhythms" with Moe Jerant of the Lehigh Valley Drum Circle

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

Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Women's Retreats PNEC & Union UCC

Penn Northeast Conference One Day Event women from all UCC churches are invited to Women's Retreat

"Have Your Cake & Eat It Too"

Saturday, **September 19, 2015**, 9AM - 4PM,
Jerusalem UCC (Trachsville) picnic grove, 545 Church Dr.,
Palmerton

REGISTER by SEPTEMBER 1, 2015. Limited spaces available. \$15 registration fee & lunch

Union UCC Women's Retreat

April 22-24, 2016 Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg
Put this in permanent marker on your calendar!

Lavender Springs Spa: Where Women Rest in God's Faithfulness

Members, Friends, Family members are invited.

Cost: \$125 (Collecting \$60 deposit, final payment April

5.) Pay to "Union UCC" either by mail or drop off in church office. Be sure to mark your check "Women's Retreat."

Leaders: Pastor Kris and the Planning Team

Home Visitation Members' Birthdays

Dorothy Reph - Sept 4

4540 W. Mt. View Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088-9449

Elaine Domitrovits - Sept 8

3839 Park Ave, PO Box 85
Neffs, PA 18065-0085

Betty Kern - Sept 30

2816 Old Post Rd.
Schnecksville, PA 18078



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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.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

All committees and groups must complete a use of facility form to schedule events or activities.

Please contact Barbara, Church Administrator, in the church office at 610-767-6961

or

administrator@unionucc.org for forms and room availability. Thank You!



Nate Rex and Ashleigh Albert are our Catch the Spirit recipients for September. They were recognized on August 2, 2015 at the 10:30 am worship service.

BY NATE REX

Growing up through Neffs UCC, I have made both strong connections to friends and family, as well as God. The idea that "God is still speaking" shows that as Christians, we have the power to do good in the name of the Lord in even the simplest of ways, including just being a friendly neighbor to those in need. The church as a whole has helped me develop my faith in Christ as well as my optimistic attitudes that I can be proud of.

My family has played a large role in my perseverance both in academics and the community. They are there for constant support, but also push me to new levels to achieve more. Working for the church, I have met the most amazing group of people that I can just as easily call a family. I set up coffee hour at church, and through this job I have shared countless memories with the church body. As for personal interests, I enjoy being fit, computer science/programming, and playing with my dog.

Aside from working coffee hour, I have enjoyed being involved in a variety of ways. After a while in youth group, I chose to help lead with the church advisory team. I was also a church intern for the past two years. I have enjoyed singing in the church choirs and helping to lead breakfast club.

My favorite church memory was when I first started doing coffee hour, I was a little nervous about getting everything right and in order. I hoped to especially make the coffee strong enough for those that need it most on Sunday mornings. I had everything set out after my first Sunday on the job, when Pastor Tom came walking over to me. Quietly, he informed me that I had accidentally poured the water to be served into the baptism urn instead of the metal water container. I switched them before serving the drinks, but to this day I laugh at the thought of my first slip up on the job, but also enjoy thinking of the acceptance that the church has shown me through everything I do.

Thank you Nate for your hospitality. We will miss you and wish you the best of luck as you set off to attend Lehigh University this fall.

BY ASHLEIGH ALBERT

I grew up UCC at St. Paul's UCC in Northampton. My mother was the organist there. Every Sunday, I would always attend church. I consider myself very fortunate to have grown up learning about God from the get-go. It has made my faith today only that much stronger. I loved how the church was a safe place, everyone supported each other, loved each other and talents were encouraged.

I'm about to head off to college, but for a lucky 18 years I've lived with my parents and brother, Stewart. We have a good relationship, not without faults, but we've always supported one another. My interests include writing, singing, playing the piano and the viola. I attribute my love of music also to my mother.

Activities I have been involved in here at church are High school choir, Sunday Morning Alive, Breakfast Club Leader, Youth Group Advisory Team and Intern, Youth Group, Sunday Morning Setup Substitute.

Being a part of the church has made me into a very grounded individual. I know that church is a safe place, an environment where one can learn about God and be shaped into a better person through him.

A favorite church memory was going to Mensch Mill in April of the year I was being confirmed. It was the first time I really felt whole and a part of the church community. Also attending the General Synod in Long Beach, California.

I love my church because it is a place that has fostered my youth and let me grow accordingly. There have been plenty of youth I've gotten to know and developed relationships and even friendships with them. I love how everyone feels that they can talk to one another. That's the best kind of community.

Thank you Ashleigh for being a part of our community. We will miss you and wish you the best of luck as you set off to attend Rowan University this fall.



Stewardship Committee

Summer vacations are over, days at the beach, or the park are now memories. Meanwhile back home at your church, the church staff and leaders have continued the missions and ministries of Union UCC, and have planned and worked on the upcoming worship schedule and special events for the upcoming church year.

We hope to see you and your family join us on Sunday mornings for worship, Children's Church, choir, and a whole host of other activities coming the next few months.

If you have missed some summer worship services, please consider additional offerings upon your next visit, or send your offerings to the church office using your church envelope. Your support all year long provides for Union UCC's ministry to our members and the community all year long.

Thank You for your continued support.

Quilt Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual summer fund raiser this year. Your support provided funds for Golden Times, the grove fund for a new tree, and the general fund supporting the full mission of our church.

Congratulations to church member Jennifer Kleckner on being selected to receive this year's quilt, designed by Velma Wehr and quilted by the Union UCC Busy Bee quilting group.

Congratulations to all the winners.

- Jennifer Kleckner - Queen size quilt
- Diane Solt - wall hanging
- Grant Mertz - cash
- Edna Frantz - cash
- Nancy Jones - Weis card
- Darlene Kreitz - wall hanging
- Ronald Simock - Neffs Hotel
- Janet Creitz - Sam's Pizza
- Gloria Simock - Weis card
- Garry Remaley - cash
- Shirley George - cash
- Carolyn Henne - Weis card
- Iris Young - Weis card
- Irene Solt - Difiore's Rest
- Pat Swercheck - Weis card

- Ferne Strauss - cash
- Fawn Albert - Sam's Pizza
- Ann Fortney - Neffs Hotel
- Izzy Andres - Weis card
- Eric Lacko - Weis card
- Beverly Moser - cash
- Diana Christ - Difiore's Rest
- Jerry Rauch - cash
- Harold Remaley - cash
- Mary Dugan - cash
- Judy Hoffman - cash

Property Committee

The Summer months may be over, but the memories made during the past weeks live on. Union UCC's property was active with regular and outdoor worship services, a full week of Vacation Bible School, a full week for the Girl Scout Summer Camp, two weeks of a music and acting camp, the Upper Lehigh Lion's Club Summer Festival in the grove for one weekend, the Blessing of the Animals in the grove, the annual church picnic, and finishing off with Blues Nite Out.



That was just the big stuff, add in communion services, funeral services, graduation parties, birthday and anniversary parties, quilting, knitting, LPT meetings, committee meetings, Preschool in the Park, and more, Union UCC stayed busy and active, spreading the spirit to the Neffs Community.

The full church calendar starts back up again in September with Sunday School, Children's Church, Adult and Children's Choirs, Bible Study, Confirmation Class, Golden Times, Harvest Home, more mission opportunities and other ministries.

Our church property may be the place to fulfill our church ministries, but our staff, members, and guests provide the heart and soul of Union UCC. Worship with your church family on Sunday's then go out and spread God's word the rest of the week.

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 September 10th at 7pm.**



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 1, 8 and 15 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 16th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service.**

Contact Pastor Kris if you have questions. assocpastor@unionucc.org 610-767-6961

Music News

The new music "season" is here, and there are many musical things in the planning! Choir rehearsals will resume on the following dates (simply come to the first rehearsal to sign up):

- **Youth Choirs** – Tuesday Sept. 15 (Cherubs 6:00 PM, Juniors 6:30 PM, Middlers 7:00 PM). First day singing in service will be Oct. 4th.
- **High School Choir** – 9th-12h grade; Chris Hamm will be directing the group. Tuesdays at 7:30pm Starting Sept. 8.
- **Heritage Choir** (traditional) – Sunday Sept. 13 at 7:15 AM (Choir Room, 2nd fl.). First day singing in service will be Sept. 20th.
- **Horizon Choir** (blended style) - Sunday Sept. 13 at 9:15 AM (Choir Room, 2nd fl.). First day singing in service will be Sept. 20th.

In addition to vocal music, instrumental music is also used in worship. Anyone of any age or skill level who plays piano, wind or stringed instruments, or percussion, are welcome to share their musical gifts. Our music program is very diverse in style, from traditional to contemporary styles of music. I am also looking for a **volunteer piano accompanist for the Tuesday night youth choirs**; either for the full season or for as many dates as the accompanist has available.

Looking ahead, the adult choirs will begin working on a special **Christmas musical** scheduled for worship on Sunday, December 13th. Additional singers for this program are needed (including male singers!). We would like to see more of our congregation participating in singing. **Please consider joining one of the choirs; no prior experience is necessary!** You can send me an email for more information. There will also be plenty of opportunities to share your talents during the upcoming months. Thank you to all of the talented musicians and vocalists who make our music program and worship so special!

Contact me at < dirmusic@unionucc.org > for more information about the music program.

Musically,
Mike Baer, Music Coordinator



Neffs UCC Preschool Welcomes New Director

The Preschool Board is pleased to announce that Annette Wilcox has been hired as our new director. Annette has a BS in Elementary Education from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Education and a PA Administrative Certificate from Lehigh University. She has extensive experience in program design and special education. Annette first heard of Neffs Church through the Girl Scout day camp and always thought the setting was lovely. She is married to her husband Eric for 20 years and has two children, Allison age 16, and Daniel age 14, both in the Parkland School District. Annette is excited to build upon our basics of twenty five years of a good reputation, foundation, and history. She is planning on developing a curriculum that will embrace the PA Early Learning Standards and will begin to incorporate reading, math, and science goals. This will make our program a standout in the community.

For more information on the preschool, call 610-767-5327 or preschool@unionucc.org.

Open and Affirming Ad Hoc Team Recommendation Approved by Consistory

At their June 15th meeting Consistory authorized the Open and Affirming [O&A] Ad Hoc Team to develop a recommendation on how to approach the O&A process. The O&A Ad Hoc Team presented their recommendation to Consistory at their 8/17/15 meeting and Consistory approved it. The key points of the approved approach/process are to request Consistory revisit and address the marriage equality policy this Fall, to offer a variety of educational opportunities on this topic in September & October, to provide two [2] Congregational Forums on October 4th to engage the congregation in hearing and sharing perspectives with Consistory & Church & Ministry members, and, to provide Consistory with a proposed revised policy on marriage equality in October, requesting they vote on it in November. The more comprehensive O&A process remains a priority but will be deferred until a Senior Pastor has been called. More information on the approach and process will be provided in a congregational mailing, in early September.

General Synod Report

By David Fleming

United Church of Christ's 39th General Synod in Cleveland

The theme of the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ was
"Finding God in Unexpected Places."

I had the honor of substituting for our ailing Conference Minister Alan Miller and leading the Penn Northeast Conference delegation of 25 lay and clergy delegates for the five day event (7 days for some of us). Also part of the delegation were Phyllis Hamm as a lay delegate and Aften Hamm as a visitor.

As was the case at my previous 11 General Synods over the last thirty years, General Synod is a time when the national church gathers and we see a larger glimpse of God's Church. General Synod was filled (and I mean 12 hours a day filled) with worship, music (including a jazz vesper service at the Amistad Chapel at our National headquarters), dance, great preaching, excellent and provocative keynote speakers, missionaries, workshops, special events, resolutions, pronouncements, exhibits, fellowship, and fun.

Our delegation spoke on the floor of Synod on several occasions and Rev. Dr. Jane Hess and I led the entire Synod in a moment of prayer for Alan Miller. We were also known as the "bubbles" delegation as we all had a week's supply of bubbles which we spread throughout the convention hall like living water many times each day.

The Rev. Dr. John Dornhauer was elected to be the next President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ.

At General Synod, there are resolutions regarding various issues. The resolutions that are passed by synod speak to congregations and not for them. It is up to each congregation to examine the resolution and decide for itself an appropriate course of action. As part of the Penn Northeast Conference Delegation, I was assigned to the resolution entitled: A Call for Peace, Justice, and Reunification in the Korean Peninsula. That resolution passed.

The other resolutions that were passed by the 30th General Synod are:
Developing Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged Congregations for Mental Health

A Call for the UCC to Take Actions Toward A Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

A Compassionate Response Just And in the Wake Of The Shooting At Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, SC

Dismantling Discriminatory Systems of Mass Incarceration in U.S.

Dismantling the New Jim Crow Laws

Reaffirm Commitment to Full Equality for LGBT Persons

Responsible Stewardship of the Outer Space Environment

Resolution Urging Socially Responsible Investment Practices

Transition from Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy

Rev. Molly Baskette's Friday night opening worship sermon and the keynote Saturday morning by Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Connie Shultz really set the tone for an uplifting and inspiring Synod. On Sunday, Rev. Dwayne Royster challenged us to "Change the Damn World." The worship experiences were powerful, engaging and spirit filled. They represented the diversity of the UCC in terms of their varied styles. During worship especially, we realized the UCC motto "That they all may be one". Holy Communion is always one of the highlights of General Synod. Sunday afternoon, as 4,000 people gathered at the Lord's Table to be fed, we experienced the "body of Christ" in a new and diverse way.

As one of our delegates so aptly put, "The United Church of Christ continues to be a prophetic voice, continuing to seek justice, and equality for all people and spreading God's love for all people throughout the world.

For a detailed look at General Synod 30 including videos of worship, keynote speakers, etc. go to UCC.org and click on General Synod.

Mission Committee News



During the summer, Union UCC was a blessing to many families in the local area. We continued to support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank with donations of groceries, toiletries and fresh vegetables through the Garden Spot. We continued to support Lehigh County Conference of Churches with donations of toiletries. The Vacation Bible School program supported both agencies with their collections of over 30 boxes filled with groceries and toiletries. Great job VBS !!

VBS also provided a \$1,000 donation to the Four Diamonds Foundation. Their mission is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and their families through care, support and research. What a blessing for families in Pennsylvania and surrounding states.

The recent One Great Hour of Sharing collection provided over \$1,900 to help with hunger relief, disaster relief, and water projects around the world. OGHS donations also helped during recent natural disasters in Nepal, Chile, Texas, Oklahoma and Florida.

What a blessing Union UCC is to the world, thanks to everyone who supports the mission work of our church. Please continue to use the benevolence envelopes in your envelope packet to help with other mission projects planned for the upcoming year.

Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Tom & Linda Anderson, Donald & Janet Bachman, Madeline Bingell, Eunice Diehl, Teresa Dalrymple, Phyllis Hamm, Judy Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Barbara Panner, Linda & Wilbur Romig, Jill Schlosser, and Marianne Ulrich

Sunday Sponsors:

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

Flower Basket (\$30), Adult & Children's Bulletins (\$20, \$8) contact Phyllis Hamm at 610-349-0324 (leave a message or text).

Spread the Good News (\$20) contact- Tara Heninger, 610-767-6961 (secretary@unionucc.org)

Please note: we have discontinued Sign-Up Genius

Adult Study

Friday Morning Adult Class

9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement)

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

September 11 and 18 – Pastor Kris

Parables: Stories for Life in God's World

Jesus was the master of the parable! Deceptively simple, these timeless stories were used by Jesus to bring new life to old ways. Using this Kerygma series, we will discover God's truth for today's dilemmas.

September 25 – Pastor Kris

Open And Affirming In the United Church of Christ

As our church seeks to be welcoming and diverse in it's ministry and mission we will explore what it means to be an Open and Affirming church as the UCC defines it.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

9:15-10:15 - Room 5 (Basement)

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

Adult Education Series September 13, 20 , October 11 & 18

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING ABOUT MARRIAGE is a four week group study produced by the Office for Health and Wholeness Advocacy Wider Church Ministries, A covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ. It is recommended by the United Church of Christ to help local churches facilitate healthy conversations and study about marriage. Recent concerns about marriage, particularly recent public debate about who may legally marry, provide an important context for these discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to share stories and experiences of marriage, explore biblical stories, look at various traditions, both sacred and secular, and then, consider the questions concerning equal marriage rights for same gendered couples, all in a respectful, Christ-like fashion. **Pastor Patience will facilitate this study and discussion group in Room 5 (Basement) from 9:15-10:10a.m. on 9/13, 9/20, and 10/11 & 10/18.**

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday 7-8:30PM room 5.

Starting Sept. 15th



We are starting with Genesis and how it relates to the coming of the Messiah.

You are invited to come learn new things and grow in faith. Contact Harry B. Burger 610-767-5344.

Mission Trip to Africa

Ashleigh Albert went on a mission trip and journey in July to Malawi, Africa where she worked with Grace Community Church and School in the small village of Chikeuse. Read below an excerpt of her account that gave in church.

Many people have asked me if I was scared. The answer is no, it's incredible what can happen when you just have faith in God. Arriving there went without a hitch, but as soon as I stepped out of the airport, I was faced with the reality that the poverty we view on TV does not even begin to show what it really is like in a 3rd world country. It's difficult for pictures to even encapsulate it without truly seeing it for yourself. I have learned so much from these people. Helping in the school, and with all their church events. I had this pre-disposition that these people would be so unlike me. Unable to understand who I was, my position in coming. But that's so untrue. They're just like us. They have the same worries as us, and they just want to feed their families. They just have a tougher time doing it. That's why it was so touching to experience parts of their life for a brief time.

One man gave me a 5 pound bag of beans. This man grows them for his livelihood. This was probably a week's income, he gave to me as a guest. While I helped a child write some numbers at school, they simultaneously taught me. Each morning I helped at

Grace Community School. At the beginning, I observed each of the teachers. After I had shadowed and helped them instruct, upon Wanda's request (the woman I was staying with) I gave each of them teaching suggestions.

Grace Community Church has all sorts of afternoon sessions. I was given the unique opportunity to give some a couple times. I gave the congregation a talk on love at our fellowship meeting, the youth group a talk on being satisfied with what we have, and taught the evangelism meeting a lesson on salvation.

There were times when Wanda and I were without water, and electricity. There isn't any hot water. This happened even at her apartment, considered 'luxurious' compared to everything else. It is not easy for them. The woman really do carry water on their heads, miles and miles. You can see them walking almost any time of the day. One of the most memorable parts was how appreciative they were, even of the simple things I offered. They said time and time again, it is so wonderful you've come. I couldn't escape the question, "when are you coming again?"

I thank the Union UCC youth group and those of you who have individually sponsored my journey from the bottom of my heart. To date, I raised \$2240 in scholarships for the new school that Wanda is working to start. Just \$100 will pay for one child's supplies, books, and all other fees for an entire year. That's 22 kids. That is Christ's love in action.



Sunday Set-Up Person

A big thank you to **Nate Rex** who has served as our Sunday Set-Up person for the last year. And thank you to **Ashleigh Albert** for serving as the substitute. They are both moving on to college this fall and we wish them all the best and will keep them in our prayers.

Our new staff members for these positions are **Rachel DiPaolantonio** as the Sunday Set-Up Person and **Natalie Ondrey** as the substitute. Please give them a warm welcome when you

Little Lambs Nursery

Marianne Ulrich is our Little Lambs coordinator. We need one additional volunteer to sign up for each Sunday. Please sign up on the nursery door.

Our New Grove Pavillion

We are so blessed to have land surrounding us that we can enjoy and use. Our grove is certainly one of our favorite spots. This summer a new pavilion was completed and we were able to enjoy it from our first picnic of the summer, to VBS, outdoor worship services, our church picnic and Blues Night Out.

We are grateful to **Phil, Julie and Larry Wehr** for their gracious donation to make this new addition possible. On Sunday, June 28th a plaque was presented to the Wehr family that will be placed in the grove. This is the message on it:

Union UCC gives thanks to Carlton, Velma, Phil, Julie and Larry Wehr for their love for and care of the church grove for many years. Their donations of thousands of daffodils, hard work and time, and their gifts and ideas have made this a place for all to enjoy and to give thanks for God's creation.



Church Member Business Directory

from Chris Hamm, Tara Henninger and Pastor Kris

We have been compiling names of members who have church businesses or services to offer. The Business Directory can now be found on our website at www.unionucc.org/resources and will be given out to new members as well as made available to all members.

We know that many of you like to support local businesses or our members if you have the chance. The church is not endorsing any of these businesses, we are merely making the information available to you. These are for paid services.

If your business or service has been missed and you would like to be added please contact the church office.

It's another way to support each other through our work and life and faith journey.

How Many More Days Until Christmas Eve? From Pastor Kris

I know that many of you are trying to make the last days of summer last as long as you can. But soon enough you'll be thinking about Christmas. We wanted to let you know that as you and your family begin to start making plans for Christmas Eve Worship that **we are adding another worship service on Christmas Eve at 3pm**. Here's what the night will look like:

***NEW* 3pm** – Candlelight and Communion, Special Music

5pm – Candlelight (No Communion), Children's Choirs/Family Service, Special Music

8pm – Candlelight and Communion, High School Choir, Combined Adult Choir, Special Music

11pm - Candlelight and Communion, Combined Adult Choir, Special Music

As always, we love to have volunteers help us with various responsibilities throughout the night. ***If you can help with 1, 2, 3 or all of the services please contact Pastor Kris, Brad Hackett, Phil Wehr, or Dennis Rothrock.*** We need people to help with candles, set up and clean up, serving communion, taking the offering and a variety of other things to make it a special night for everyone. It's one of the best nights to hang out at church. Refreshments provided, too.

NOTE: The Sunday After Christmas Sunday, December 27th

There will NOT be 8am Heritage worship.

There will only be 10:30am Horizon Worship.





Sunday, September 6, 2015

15th Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Matthew 20.1-16

Message: "Laborers in the Vineyard"

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

Lay Readers: 8:00 - Susan Rumble

10:30 - Donna Christman

Greeters: Karen & Dave Fleming, Joel & Dana Gaumer

Acolytes: 8AM - Will Filipovits

10:30AM - Ian Henninger, Hannah Horvath

Sunday, September 13, 2015

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Education Programs Re-sume

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Blessing of Backpacks

Text: Luke 16; 19-31

Message: "How I Spent My Summer Vacation: How To Make a Good Summer Last"

Sermon: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels

Lay Readers: 8:00 - Sandra Craig

10:30 - Dave Fleming

Greeters: Jane Schappell, Dana Krisko

Acolytes: 8AM - Garrett Fitzgerald

10:30AM - Chase Misera, Karl Schmidt, Jr.

Sunday, September 20, 2015

17th Sunday after Pentecost/Harvest Home

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Outdoor

Text: Luke 15:11-32

Message: "What's Up with Junior?"

Sermon: Rev. A. William Metzger

Lay Readers: 8:00 - Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - Fawn Albert

Greeters: Tim & Marian Funk, Claire Kern

Acolytes: 8AM - Amanda Lane

10:30AM - Sonya Shivok, Olivia Schuster

Sunday, September 27, 2015

18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism

Text: Matthew 13 to Mark 4:30-32

Message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like What?"

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

Lay Readers: 8:00 - Carol Pope

10:30 - SueAnn Hregician

Greeters: Kim Krempasky, Gene & Christina Thrash

Acolytes: 8AM - Peyton Schlosser

10:30AM - Justin Trexler, Ian Henninger

Congregational Forums

The LPT invites Congregational members to attend two [2] Congregational Forums on September 27th when they will share with you Union's DRAFT Plan for Ministry & Mission and invite your feedback.

9/27/15 Congregational Forums [CF's]

CF #3 – Sunday, September 27th, 9:15-10:15 AM in Memorial Hall – Topics: Review & refinement of Union's Draft Plan for Ministry & Mission for the Key Areas of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION; EVANGELISM; MEMBER MINISTRIES and WORSHIP & MUSIC, including proposed outcomes, goals and tasks to accomplish them

CF #4 – Sunday, September 27th, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM in Memorial Hall – Topics: Review & refinement of Union's Draft Plan for Ministry & Mission for the Key Areas of MISSION; STEWARDSHIP; GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and FACILITY, PROPERTY & GROUNDS, including proposed outcomes, goals and tasks to accomplish them

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:

- Sept. 6— No Committee
- Sept. 13— Helping Hearts
- Sept. 20— Fellowship Committee
- Sept. 27— Consistory



Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
7-1-2015	\$ 9,644.00	\$25,635.00	\$35,279.00
Income	\$26,273.00	\$1,904.00	\$28,177.00
Expenses	\$33,412.00	\$4,379.00	\$37,791.00
7-31-2015	\$2,505.00	\$23,160.00	\$25,665.00

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
	8AM	10:30AM		
June 7	58	273	CFW	331
June 14	81	111	13	205
June 21	60	124	18	202
June 28	68	126	CFW	194
July 5	41	110	10	161
July 12	76	97	CFW	173
July 19	40	108	CFW	148
July 26	82	210	4	296

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
 June 2014– 1,305 June 2015 – 932
AVG ATTENDANCE
 June 2014– 261 June 2015 - 233
TOTAL ATTENDANCE
 July 2014– 881 July 2015 – 778
AVG ATTENDANCE
 July 2014– 220 July 2015 - 195



TAI CHI Monday mornings, starting 9/14 in the choir room from 10-11, ends Nov. 16th
 Weds. evenings, starting 9/16 in Room 102 from 6-7, ends Nov. 18th.
SPIRITUALLY FIT Starts Sept. 9th. Meets Mon and Wed at 6:30PM.

Memorials

The following donation has been received into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of **Alan K. Greiss**:
 Mark & Kathleen Werrell
 Resident's Association of Fellowship Courts
 WellSpan Health
 Leslye & Tom Durilla
 Barbara J. Lutte-Romig
 Barbara J. DeLong
 David & Debra Geiger
 Virginia E. Moore
 George & Jane Winzer

The following donations were received into the Union UCC Memorial Fund in memory of **Dorothy D. Hoppes**:
 Lynne K. Walters

North Penn Animal Hospital, Inc.
 Scott S. Selig
 Phil & Julie Wehr
 Robert A. Moser
 John & Gloria Simock
 Carl M. Heintzelman
 Anna M. Moffa
 Don & Elaine Baer
 M/M Charles Hoppes & Barbara Colosi
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 Barbara Panner
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Basket Social

Wednesday, October 7, Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 5:30 pm/Social begins 7 pm

Tickets are \$5 each with 25 on a sheet and are available from Dolly Mulcahy, 610-262-8696, or the church office. There are only 150 tickets, so secure yours early! Hot dogs & soda served

Donations of filled baskets (valued about \$10) & door prizes can be brought to the church office at any time, or to Fellowship Hall between noon & 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 7. Donations of baked goods can be brought to the kitchen on Wednesday evening. If you need a basket, call Dave or Dolly.

A few ideas of basket themes: Kitchen Basket – Kitchen Towel, Recipes, Utensils, Spices... / Snack Basket – Chips, Pretzels, peanuts... / Bathroom Basket – Soap, Toilet Paper, Hand towel... / Coffee Basket – Creamer, Coffee, Hot Chocolate... / Child's Basket – Silly Putty, Matchbox Cars, Balloons... / Gardener's Basket – Seeds, Pots, Watering Can... / Baking Basket – Mixes, Recipe Cards, Icing, Sprinkles...

New Salsa Fundraiser

We will be selling Casa De Jorge Salsa. Locally owned and made; with 16 handcrafted artisan salsas to choose from at \$7 a jar. All are Vegan, Gluten, Dairy, and Nut free without artificial flavors and colors. The more jars we sell the bigger our profit. We will send home flyers and order forms with children Sundays Sept. 13 & 20. **Orders and money will be due October 18.** Proceeds are for gift Bibles and Christian Education Events.

Staying a Part of Our Church Family

By Pastor Kris

Our pastors, staff and leaders want to thank everyone for all that they do: attend worship, support an event, join a group or committee, share in leadership, pray for our church, or give donations of money. Thank you, and thank you, God!

We realize that there are times when attending church, participating in events, or contributing financially to our church's mission and ministry is not always possible. Know that we are always praying for everyone and are always glad to support you in these times.

We also want to remind you that we take the commitment to membership here seriously. As our staff and leaders do all that they can to provide you with meaningful opportunities and pastoral care, we need you to do all that you can do to stay connected as well.

The minimal requirements to be a member here and to maintain membership here are to take communion and contribute financially each year. We will reach out to you if we see this isn't happening and offer support and a chance to reconnect. We hope that you will reach out to us to let us know when your life circumstances have changed, if there's a way that we can care for you, or if there is a reason you are no longer staying connected to our church family as a member.

Please contact a pastor or the church office if you have questions about your church membership.

Country Holidays Craft Show

All moneys from our bazaars are donated to support special projects within the church and the operating general fund. If you have any questions about the sale or would like to offer your help, contact the church office.

CRAFTERS! Reserve a table for \$30 to sell your hand-made crafts by calling *Debbie Wenner* 610-799-4584.

MEMBERS! NEW MEMBERS! Areas where you are needed for 1 or 2 hours: Greeter, Helper in Kitchen, Set-up, Clean-up.

BAKERS! We need your favorite bakery item. *Helpers are always needed. Helpers are always wanted. Helpers are always special and greatly appreciated.*

Union UCC

5550 Route 873, Neffs

Saturday, October 17, 2015

9am-3pm

Juried Crafts
Food &
More



September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am Staff Mtg 10am Program Staff 7pm LPT	2 9:30am Busy Bee Quilters 10am Knitwits 7pm Church & Ministry	3 5pm Wedding Rehearsal 7pm Christian Ed	4 9am Bulletin Prep	5 2pm Wedding
7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 6pm Cherub Choir 6:30 Junior Choir 7pm Middler Choir 7:30pm Worship Committee; High School Choir; Bible Study	9 9:30am Busy Bee Quilters 10am Knitwits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	10 6:30pm Preschool Board 7pm Chime Choir, Helping Hearts	11 9am Bulletin Prep 9:30am Bible Study	12
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