

HONORING THE PAST \* CELEBRATING THE PRESENT \*  
BUILDING THE FUTURE

## Church Family Picnic

August 14, following 10:30 am worship

**After the 10:30 a.m.**  
**Outdoor Worship Service**  
**Fun ... Fellowship ... Food !!!**

**Bring a side dish or salad or dessert  
to share**

*The Fellowship Committee will  
provide a lunch of  
hot dogs, barbecue and potato chips &  
beverages.*

**Bingo ♦ Cake Walk**  
**Annual Softball Game**

*bring your baseball bats, gloves and balls*

**Games for all ages**  
**Raffle Drawing**

*~The picnic will be moved to Fellowship Hall if  
the weather does not permit us to be outside.~  
Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.*



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### Donations

Cake walk donations will be gratefully received. (Please tell the person or label the item for the cake walk.) Prizes for bingo are also needed. **If you'd like to help** with setting up, bingo calling, the cakewalk or anything else, call Dave & Dolly Mulcahy 610-262-8696.

## From the Interim Pastor

*"45 Years and Counting..."*

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone for celebrating my 45<sup>th</sup> year of ordination during our worship on June 12.

Throughout these 45 years I have been blessed to serve as pastor, chaplain, clinical educator, and consultant in a variety of settings, including parish, hospital and nursing home, even directing the summer church camp program at Mensch Mill one summer (2012).

It is fitting that I began my ministry in a parish setting, serving as pastor at St Paul's UCC in Birdsboro, PA (1971-78), and now am completing my ministry as Interim Assistant Pastor at Union UCC (Nov, 2014-present).

There have been moments of stress and grief in each

setting, but I can honestly say that I have been blessed with many more joyful and inspiring experiences. I am humbled to have received far more than I have ever given.

Each person I met during these 45 years of ministry has given me a gift, and I have learned much about the body of Christ through you.

The members of Union UCC have given me a new perspective on the Church. Serving with Pastor Kris, Pastor Patience and Pastor Bill, along with all the other members of the ministry team, especially our office staff, has inspired me to experience the Risen Christ in so many new and exciting ways.

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for you. Grace and peace to each and every one of you.

**Pastor Allan**

## Consistory

by Deidre Bilger (subject to approval)

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, June 20, 2016 by Vice President Aften Hamm.

The Treasurer's Report and May/June 2016 bills were presented and approved.

**Property and Maintenance Committee reported** that at we experienced a large fuel oil savings this past winter and will be pre-buying next season's oil in July. A relay switch failed in the Memory Room and was repaired. The septic tank is being cleaned as well as new rug ordered for the hallway by the church offices. We look forward to Vacation Bible School using the entire property. We will begin to advertise Blues Nite Out in August.

**Christian Education Committee reported** that Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 27 and 122 children are registered to attend. Only 3 people have signed up to help with

next year's Children's Church. A discussion was held with regard to encouraging volunteerism and connectedness to the church.

**Mission Committee reported that** the new mission for repurposing pill containers is going well and the Mother's Day baby toiletry collection was a success. There are 7 UCC members attending the CWS bus trip to Maryland at no cost for a day of service. One Great Hour of Sharing raised about \$1,000. Neighbors in Need is coming up on August 7

**Welcoming Committee reported that** the Build Your Own Sundae held indoors on Sunday, June 5 was successful.

**Fellowship Committee reported that** the Church Family Picnic will be held on August 14 after worship.

**The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, August 15, beginning with a picnic in the grove followed by the Meeting in Room 101.**

## Blues Nite Out

By Phil Wehr



Call your friends, your family, your neighbors. Great food and music will be happening once again at the end of summer.

Start thinking about Union UCC's annual Blues Nite Out in the church grove. Mark your calendars now - **Friday August 26 with the Bryant Brothers performing from 7 - 10**, food stands open at 5. Then on Saturday **August 27 the music starts at 4 pm with Bev Conklin** making her debut performance in the grove, with BC's Combo Band, then headliner and local favorite, **The Sarah Ayers Band** playing from 7 - 10. Food stands open at 4 pm.

Picnic favorites like turkey BBQ and pulled pork, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, shrimp delight, chili, home made deserts and ice cream will be served by our church volunteers. YES, come for some ICE CREAM, always a favorite.

Neffs Church Grove's seating pavilion will be welcoming everyone this year. See you in our church grove for food, fun and fellowship with your church family and the community.

## Mission Committee

By Phil Wehr

Summertime . . . vacation time . . . travel time . . . MISSION time. While you are off traveling this summer on family vacations, take a minute to think about folks at home that may need some extra help.

During your stay at a hotel or resort, check your bathroom each morning for full bottles of shampoo, shower gels, or hand soap and pack them in your suitcase. The hotel staff will bring you new toiletries each day and restock your bathroom. At the end of the week you will have a nice little bag of toiletries to bring back home and donate to the church to help others in the Lehigh Valley.

We thank the many of you who are already practicing this Mission technique, and encourage all travelers to bring home unused toiletries from your travels all year long. Toiletries will help families through the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, or through Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

Each small bottle of shampoo or bar of soap will bring a smile of hope to a mother, father, child, or grandparent. Please drop off toiletries in the blue barrel in Memorial Hall. Thank you to all.

## CWS Kits - Summer Mission Collection

Union UCC's Mission Committee is organizing a new summer Mission Project to support Church World Services (CWS) Kits program. CWS kits are small packages of supplies (hygiene, school, or emergency) assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities around the world after natural disasters or to developing countries.

In July, donations of cash will be accepted by the congregation, allowing the Mission Committee to purchase needed supplies to make 48 school kits. Additionally, \$800 of earnings from the Thomas Family Fund, part of the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund, will be provided to member Graham Smith, son of Carrington and Susan Smith to purchase supplies to assemble 50 hygiene kits. On August 12, a group of nine Union UCC members will be traveling by bus with volunteers from other local UCC churches to the CWS campus in New Windsor, Maryland.

All of the kits made from our church, through your donations and those from the Thomas Family Fund, and kits from the other churches will be taken along on the bus to give to CWS. The bus load of volunteers will give a day's worth of labor to make more kits, and prepare them for shipping around the world.

Your support of the CWS Kit program makes a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people both here at home and around the world. Each Kit represents a person whose life will be changed because of the simple items contained within.

Church World Services also oversees and organizes the Blanket Sunday program and the Crop Walk. More information can be found on their website - <http://cwskits.org/>

Please support this new mission project with monetary donations - \$10 per kit.

Union UCC will purchase supplies to fill 48 school kits, which includes  
Pair of blunt scissors, 3 notebooks, a ruler, a large eraser, six pencils, a sharpener, box of 24 crayons, then fit into a 12 x 14 canvas bag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
CWS Donation \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_



## Where School Memories Begin

We have just completed a whirlwind end to another successful school year in the Preschool. We celebrated all three of our programs with ceremonies that showed off some of the songs the students learned throughout the year and culminated in certificates of completion and diplomas. Our thanks to Holiday Sounds Disc Jockeys for creating an end of the year photo DVD that is sure to be cherished for years to come. In addition, we would like to thank Casandra Weaver for creating 150 adorable graduation cupcakes for all of our guest to enjoy. Our school truly is a community of shared talents! We have begun preparations for Preschool in the Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 in the church Grove for our registered students and anyone interested in coming to have fun and learn more about our wonderful program.

Registration is in full swing for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have a child or know of one who would enjoy learning in our fun and caring environment, registration information can be found on our website or by calling the Preschool directly.

Annette Wilcox, Director

Curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards  
Whole child focused: academic, social and emotional

Check us out on Facebook—  
**Neffs UCC Preschool**  
or on our website—  
**[www.unionucc.org/preschool](http://www.unionucc.org/preschool)**

## New Hospital Stay Info:

The pastors try to do hospital visits on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays/Saturdays hoping they will see any of our members during a hospital admission.

***If you are in the hospital, please ask a family member or friend to call one of our pastors or the church office to be sure we know you are there. 610-767-6961***

It would also be helpful to tell the staff during admissions that your **church code is 511**. If you are not sure that we know of your stay, you can also call the hospital chaplain's office and ask them to list you under our **church code 511**.

**We are more than glad to visit, to pray with you and to ask the congregation to pray for you and care for you, so please don't hesitate to call on us.**

## God's Garden Gifts

Our vegetable exchange and food bank offering will start on July 1st. Home gardeners will bring in the bounty of their gardens, worshippers are invited to take the vegetables they need and make a donation to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. The Mission Committee will organize the collection and delivery of cash donations and remaining produce to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

## Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

Every Sunday

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



We're grateful for the committees and church groups that host our Holy Grounds Coffee Hour from September to May. If you or your family and church friends would like to host a Sunday during the summer just pitch in or bring food to share on the Sundays that you are here. (Food ideas: baked goods, fruit, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, snacks.)



# Children's Programs Nursery to 6th Grade

Contact: Kathy Bonsell 610-767-6961

Email: [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)

## Children's Church and Sunday School

We are officially on vacation until September 11th (mark your calendar). Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

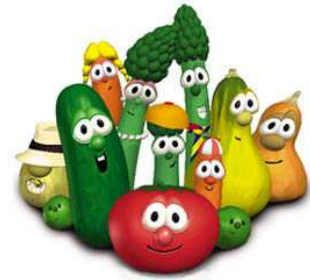
Wanted: **Sunday School** volunteers and **Children's Church** volunteers for the 2016-2017 session. Sign up sheets are located on Kathy Bonsell's door. Please contact Kathy if you have any questions (610-434-1169 or [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)).  
**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.**



## Summer Video Series

Join us this summer for our video program, VEGGIETALES. We will offer this program during the 10:30 worship service in July and August. Preschool aged children through fifth grade are welcome to join us for a new adventure each Sunday. (We do not show VEGGIETALES on Outdoor Service Sundays.)

**Attention Parents:** We still need more volunteers to help with this program. The sign up sheet is on Kathy Bonsell's office door.



**Job description:** *Take the children down to Room 15, start the VCR/DVD player, provide snack (optional), stay with the children until their parents pick them up. Have fun!*

## Summer Nursery

**Summer Nursery Closed:** The Little Lambs Nursery will be closed for the summer. Maryann Ulrich, our nursery attendant volunteer, is looking for volunteers for the 2016-2017 session. Please contact Kathy Bonsell if you have any questions or would like to help with this very important ministry.

## Sponsored Children

We received letters from our Global Ministries sponsored children. We are sponsoring Elizabeth and Tendai Maghidi from the Mount Selinda Orphanage in Zimbabwe.

Tendai is 12 years old and in 6th grade at Belvedere Primary School. She likes to play tennis and handball and is in the drama club at school.

Elizabeth is 15 years old and is in Form 2 at Queen Elizabeth School. Her favorite subjects in school are Math and French. She dreams of becoming an international teacher or veterinarian. She enjoys playing softball and is in the choir and scripture union club.

They are both grateful for Union UCC's sponsorship.

## Youth Group News Grades 6-12

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. Adults and parents who meet our safe child guidelines are welcome as chaperones, drivers and team members. Friends and families are always invited (unless noted).

**Family style Whitewater Rafting with Pocono Whitewater. July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
***Money was due June 26<sup>th</sup>. Still interested? Contact Dave D to see if there are still openings.***

### **CAMPOUT IN THE GROVE – Friday, Aug 12-Sat Aug 13 FREE**

Arrive 5pm for dinner, stay until midnight or sleepover through 10am and breakfast. Enjoy and explore the grove on a summer night. Complete with s'mores and a campfire. Adults, sign up to help with food and to stay for part or all of the night. Youth, bring your sleeping bags and tents and sign up with Dave D. Friends and families are welcome. **RSVP to Dave D by Aug 7.**

**Youth Group Advisory Team** This is the group of youth and adults who help to organize and plan a variety of events for Youth Group. Thank you to those who served on the team this past year. If you'd like to return (or not) **please contact Pastor Kris by July 31.** If you'd like to try this for the first time, write a paragraph about why you'd like to help in this way and send it to Pastor Kris by July 31. The commitment is flexible but important. You need to attend about 3-4 advisory team meetings, respond to emails, invite others to participate, and attend and help at events as your schedule allows. **Thank you to our seniors: Rachel DiPaolantonio, Kimi Bath, Zach Rex, and Zach Bath.**

**Confirmation Class 2017** Youth in 8th grade will receive a letter this summer inviting them to be a part of the confirmation class. A registration fee of \$50 and forms will be due August 28. ***A required information session for each student and at least 1 parent will be on October 2nd, 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 watch our website for the forms and information.



### **Sunday Mornings 9:15-10:15 AM**

#### **Resumes in September**

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Room)  
Confirmands can go to The Breakfast Club when there is no class. **Confirmands can go to Breakfast Club when there isn't class.**

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



**Thank you, Church, for all of your support to get 17 youth and 5 adults to National Youth Event 2016 at Disney.**

This is how you did it—by eating: M&Ms, funnel cakes, Gertrude Hawk candy, baked potatoes with toppings, walking tacos, root beer floats, and soft pretzels.

You also gave generously to our request for donations through envelopes on Youth Sunday and in the newsletter.

***Your love, support and prayers mean the world to us.***

***And, we can't thank you enough.***

Come to church on **July 24** when the group will be blessed & on **Aug 7** when we'll share our stories. We are traveling July 26-31.

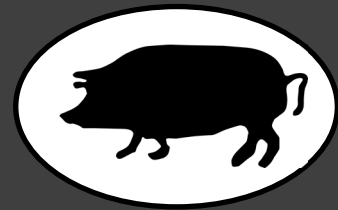
*PIG OUT at Union UCC's*  
**BACKYARD BBQ BASH**

*Saturday, September 10, 2016*

**Scott Marshall and Marshall's Highway**

*Winner of 8 Lehigh Valley Music Awards, 5:30-8:30*

- Lorah's Pig Roasters and Chicken Dinners  
Food service begins at 3:30
- Raffle and 50/50 Drawing
- FREE Admission



**Neffs Church Grove**

*FOOD and RAFFLE TICKETS available  
for presale every Sunday in August.*

**Property Committee** by Phil Wehr

A new hearing assistance system is coming soon to the church sanctuary. This system will provide for members and guests with hearing loss or hearing aids to hear the service in a better manner, no matter where they sit in the pews.

Wireless receivers and ear speakers, or T-coil neck loops will be available upon entering the sanctuary. Please feel comfortable to pick up a hearing assistive device and use as necessary. Units are easy to turn on, and all have individual controls for proper sound levels. Units are to be returned to the charging station upon leaving the sanctuary.

The system will be up and running very soon. For first time users, please contact the greeters, ushers, sound team, or the pastors for help.

Thank you to members Richard and Jill Schlosser for their supportive input and advice, and their generous donation to begin this important project. Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for their financial support to finish the project. Thank you to members Damon Gelb and Dave Dipaolantonio for their help installing the system.

Together, we can LISTEN to the voice of God. Give Praise.



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## Christmas in July

This past Christmas Eve we had the highest offering of financial support we've had in many years.

We had hoped for \$16,500 and we received \$22,200! That's an extra gift of almost \$6,000 to not only cover our expenses but to secure our goals for God's ministry and mission here. As you enjoy time away this summer, please consider an extra **Christmas in July** gift to the church in your offering as you give thanks for Union UCC and God's love for you. **Merry Christmas!**

## Golden Times

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

Our next gathering will be

**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**12 noon – 1:30pm**

**FREE**

**Homemade soup and sandwiches are served for lunch.**

**Programs offered are fun, informative and entertaining.**

**Bring a dessert to share.**

An informal sharing of Holy Communion is offered at the end of our time together for those who are interested.

## Book Club

Book Club will meet July 6th in the Memory Room, 6:30-8:30pm. It's "Reader's Choice" night. Read a book and bring it to meeting to tell everyone about it and lend your book out if you want. For more info contact Kathi Charles kac4b@hotmail.com or 610-462-5551.



## 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.

**Next Sunday  
Morning Alive:  
Fall 2016**



## Thanks to our Office Helpers!

**Tom & Linda Anderson, Donald & Janet  
Bachman, Dick & Madeline Bingell, Eunice Diehl,  
Teresa Dalrymple, Phyllis Hamm, Judy Hoffman,  
Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Diana Miller, Barbara Panner,  
Linda & Wilbur Romig, Jill Schlosser, Jean & Stan Wieand, and  
Larry & Marianne Ulrich**

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*John Snyder-Samuelson is our Catch the Spirit recipient for July/August. He was nominated by the Mission Committee. He will be recognized July 24, 2016 at 10:30am worship.*

By John Snyder-Samuelson

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John's paternal grandfather was a Swedish immigrant who became a Methodist pastor who served churches all around the state of North Dakota during his ministry. Then, John grew up as a son of a U.C.C. minister. John's Dad served churches in New England, Pennsylvania and Tennessee during his ministry, and John has loved being U.C.C. his entire life. He was baptized, confirmed, married and ordained in the U.C.C. John's Dad is now deceased, but his Mom is still living (at age 80) in Bethlehem PA. John has two brothers, two sisters, and two step-brothers.

John met Kris at Penn State University, and they were married at St. John's U.C.C. in Slatington in 1988. Kris worked while John went to Lancaster Theological Seminary. Then, after John was ordained in 1991, John pastored a U.C.C. congregation in North Tonawanda, NY while Kris commuted to divinity school in Rochester NY.

John's and Kris' daughter, Hannah, was born near Buffalo, NY in 1993. However, Hannah has grown up, since age 3, at Union U.C.C. Hannah graduated from Parkland high school and Vassar College and is now working a farm apprenticeship at a small, organic family farm in New Milford, CT.

After pastoring the New York congregation for five years, John served as Associate Pastor at St. John's U.C.C. in Emmaus PA from 1997-2003. Since then, John has been working with foster children at Pinebrook Family Answers in Allentown.

John loves spending time with Kris, Hannah and their dog Roscoe. He also loves walking, family gatherings, annual college reunions, politics, travel, and hiking on the Appalachian Trail and in state parks with Hannah. He also loves trying to be as green and environmentally friendly as possible.

John has served as a helper with VBS and as a teacher in the Adult Sunday School class. Plus, he is a current member of the Mission Committee. In addition, John has served on PNEC's Nominating Committee as well as a delegate to the 2007 General Synod of the U.C.C.

John loves the U.C.C. because he believes that the U.C.C. is correct in its reading of the gospels as radical, life-transforming lessons of welcome and inclusion for absolutely everyone. Plus, he loves the U.C.C.'s focus on social justice and care for the poor. At Union U.C.C., he enjoys the support and friendship of kind, loving decent friends, neighbors and colleagues. He believes that Union U.C.C. has a huge heart for missions, and he is very proud to be a member here. He also loves to drive by the church to see a full parking lot, and it is especially exciting for him when he doesn't even know why the parking lot is full. He is so glad to know when the church building is being used seven days a week.

John's favorite church memory also occurred at one of the hardest times in Kris' and John's lives -- Hannah's bout with leukemia from 1998-2000. John remembers that the people of both Union U.C.C. and St. John's U.C.C. in Emmaus carried Kris, John and Hannah through that time with boundless love and care. For this tremendous kindness all those years ago and for this award today, John wants to thank all of the people and pastors of Union U.C.C.

## Home Visitation Members Birthdays

### Eleanor Kistler—July 4

2033 Becker St..  
Allentown, PA 18106

### Violet Baer - July 17

Phoebe Bridgeways Room 362D  
1925 W. Turner St.  
Allentown, PA 18104



### Joan Fenstermaker - Jul. 18

4138 Hampshire Ct.  
Allentown, PA 18104

### Beatrice Hregician - Aug. 3

4116 Route 309  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

### Gloria Baer—Aug. 13

c/o Vicki Sorg  
2533 Kirk St.  
Slatington, PA 18080

## Helping Hearts/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 in September.**

## Harvest Home—Mum Sponsors

It is time to start planning the produce display. Bring your canned goods, produce, cut flowers, cornstalks, herbs, etc. to Memorial Hall from 9-10AM on Saturday, September 18, 2016. Food collected will be divided between the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Ecumenical Food Bank. Chrysanthemums will also be included in the display and later given to homebound members of the congregation. The congregation is invited to sponsor these individual Mum plants by using the form below.



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 **no later than Sunday, August 28, 2016.**

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for a **HOMEBOUND MEMBER.**

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for **DISPLAY** which I may pick up after 10:30 service, Sept 18.

I will pick up my Mum(s) following the service. \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**TOTAL # OF MUM(S)** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$5.50 per Mum = TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## **CARBON CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

**Isaac Lorah**

**CATASAUQUA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Shawn Newhart**  
 Employed as a security guard at Dorney Park

**NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Elizabeth Horvath**  
 Bryn Mawr College - Anthropology

**NORTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Zach Rex**  
 Northeastern - Physics

**NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Cassidy Himmelberger**  
 Penn State University - Mechanical Engineering

**Josephine Steidinger**  
 North Carolina State University - Biomedical Engineering

**Travis Stout**  
 LCTI graduate—LCCC

**PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Kimi Bath**  
 Temple University- Communications

**Zach Bath**  
 LCTI graduate—LCCC, Criminal Justice

**Michaela Boyer**  
 DeSales University-Musical Theater

**Mitch Carlson**  
 University of Maryland - Biology/Pre-Med

**Rachel DiPaolantonio**  
 University of Rhode Island - Doctorate of Pharmacy program

**Maggie Durkin**  
 DeSales University - TV and Film production

**Courtney Gelb**  
 Elizabethtown College - Occupational Therapy

**Abigail Kern**  
 Philadelphia University—Interior Design

**Jillian Krempasky**  
 Westminster Choir College of Rider University—Music Education

**Isaac Neal**  
 Penn State Harrisburg – Journalism

**Mikayla Stoudt**  
 East Carolina University

**Lauren Trussell**  
 Lehigh Carbon Community College

**Will Wrobel**  
 Temple University-Actuary Science

**ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC**  
**Joseph Gladish**  
 East Stroudsburg University

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**  
**Jarrett Beers**  
 Kutztown University, Bachelors in Special Education

**Allison Beltz**  
 Misericordia University—B.S. in Medical Imaging. Continuing with Diagnostic Medical and Sonography at Misericordia.

**Jake Evans**  
 Penn State University—B.S. Electrical Engineering

**Emily Fella**  
 Marywood University - Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture and Design and a minor in Business. She has been hired as an interior designer at Aston Black in Lancaster, PA

**Aubrey Gamble**  
 Bloomsburg University - Bachelors Degree in Medical Imaging & will be working at Lansdale hospital.

**Lauren Horner**  
 Monmouth University— Bachelor's in Psychology. Will work for City Year Philadelphia.

**Kristen Howett**  
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania- Bachelor of Science in Natural Science, Magna Cum Laude, December 2015

**Nikki Makos**  
 Seton Hall University

**Kelly Migliori**  
 University of the Arts - BFA in Illustration

**Shelby Fabian**  
 Lehigh University - BS in mechanical engineering and a minor in business.

**Abigail Silfies**  
 Cedar Crest College—RN BSN Nursing. Will be working at St. Luke's Hospital

**Matthew Williams**  
 Kutztown University-BSBA in Accounting.

**Joel Seyler**  
 Keystone College—Bachelor's degree Cum Laude in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Received Excellence in Criminal Justice Award.

**Ben Steidinger**  
 Penn State University—B.S. Agricultural Engineering

**Rachel Wehr**  
 University of Arizona - B.S. In Environmental Science

**Ashley Werkheiser**  
 Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts.

### Hall and Room Usage Policy for Church Members

We often have requests for members to use the church building for things like birthday parties or anniversaries. The Consistory has approved an updated policy to this purpose in order to cover our expenses. The suggested fees for using the church for personal or family events are listed below:

#### Fellowship Hall and Kitchen

\$60 Usage  
\$25 Cleaning Fee

#### Memorial Hall

\$60 Usage  
\$25 Cleaning Fee

#### Youth Room

\$60 Usage  
\$25 Cleaning Fee

#### Grove

\$60 Usage

Please contact the church office for a full copy of the policy in order to request space. The form can also be found on our website at [www.unionucc.org/resources](http://www.unionucc.org/resources).

We do not rent space to non-members.

### Did you Know?

**Priscilla Greiss** was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. She was the fourth of five children in a farm family. Priscilla was educated in a 2 room school house until she attended middle and high school in Milton, Pa. She graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Home Economics and Extension. Priscilla met her husband, Alan, at State College. Following her graduation, Priscilla and Alan were married and relocated to the Lehigh Valley. Together they found their new church at Union UCC, where they raised their four children, Karen, Sharon, Deborah and Keith. Priscilla sang on the choir for 30 years and Alan served 2 terms in Consistory.

Following graduation from Penn State, Alan was hired to manage the farm on the grounds of the State Hospital on Hanover Avenue in Allentown. Within a few short years, Alan and Priscilla bought their own 45 acre farm in the Slatington area. Soon they bought the adjacent 100 acre farm (a purchase made while Priscilla was in the hospital delivering their youngest child). Alan worked full time for Eastern States, which became Farm Bureau and then Agway until he became a credit manager for Farm Credit Services. He farmed after work hours and weekends until his retirement in 1995 when he became a full time farmer. Over the years they raised Black Angus cattle, pigs and even some chickens.

Priscilla was responsible for the "truck patch" on their farm. She grew sweet corn, string beans, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes. Their sweet corn was so popular that their regular customers would line up at 9:00 AM to get the freshly picked corn, though she didn't open her produce stand until 10:00 AM. Priscilla also found time to can and freeze much of her produce for the family. Her children fondly remember the pickles, corn relish and jellies. Priscilla was an adept seamstress. She made many outfits for her children, curtains and even Barbie clothing. She knitted and did cross stitch projects as a hobby.

In 2013 Alan and Priscilla sold their farm to a neighbor and moved to Fellowship Community. They were married nearly 60 years when Alan died in June, 2015. In addition to her four children, Priscilla has 11 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters.

Priscilla would love to hear from you—either in person or via mail. She now resides at:

Fellowship Terrace,  
Room 252  
3010 Fellowship Drive  
Whitehall, Pa 18052

## Women's Retreat 2017

### Union UCC Women's Retreat Weekend

**March 31-April 2, 2017**

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg  
\$135 Pay to Union UCC. Deposit \$70 due by January 1. \$65 Balance by March 5, 2017.

**Mark your calendar!**

**Questions or More Info: Ask Pastor Kris, Aften Hamm, or Sue Ondrey**

## Sunday Sponsors:

### 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 Henninger,  
610-767-6961  
([secretary@unionucc.org](mailto:secretary@unionucc.org))



# Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
<b>7-1-2015</b>	\$ 9,644.00	\$25,635.00	\$35,279.00
<b>Income</b>	\$407,611.00	\$61,984.00	\$469,595.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$361,091.00	\$67,673.00	\$428,764.00
<b>5-31-2016</b>	\$56,164.00	\$19,946.00	\$76,110.00

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

## Memorials

The following donation was received into the Memorial Fund in memory of **Daniel M. Koren**:  
James G. Dondravy

**2016 Financial Statements:** In an effort to save on our mailing costs, the office will be emailing the second and third quarter statements to those families that have donated \$200 or more. You will still receive the fourth quarter statement in the mail. Please be sure the office has your email so you can receive your statements. If you do not wish to receive your statements by email, please let the office know this as well. You can email Barbara at administrator@unionucc.org.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
	8AM	10:30AM		
May 1	70	156	28	254
May 8	91	186	35	312
May 15	72	234	CFW	306
May 22	83	212	CFW	295
May 29	72	85	CFW	157

<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>	
<u>May 2015</u> – 1,544	<u>May 2016</u> – 1,321
<b>AVG ATTENDANCE</b>	
<u>May 2015</u> –309	<u>May 2016</u> - 264

## Deaths

**Pearl (Peters) Solt** passed away on May 29, 2016 and was laid to rest in Union Church Cemetery on June 3, 2016

## Weddings

**Sara Pruneski and Ross Johnson** were united in marriage under the care of Union UCC on June 11, 2016

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Kathy Bonsell	ext. 27
Mike Baer	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

7th Sunday after Pentecost/American Heritage Sunday

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism****Text:** Galatians 5.13-15**Message:** Let Freedom Ring**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Sandra Craig

10:30 - Don Penrod

**Greeters:** Carol Pope, Ronnie Pope, Greg & Johanna Zellner**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Kaden Haley, Connor McCoy

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

8th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan**Message:** On a Scale of 1-10, how are we doing Jesus?**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Doug Albert

10:30 - Chrissy Shivok

**Greeters:** Cliff & Carol James, SueAnn Hregician**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Samantha Ritchie, Trevor Amorim

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

8th Sunday after Pentecost/Blessing of the Animals

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Liz Normann

10:30 - Leslie Thompson-Strack

**Greeters:** Karl & Karen Imdorf, Ron Snyder**Please bring donations of dog/cat food treats, or toys for local shelter****Sunday, July 24, 2016**

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Luke 11:1-13**Message:** Lord Teach us to Pray**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Susan Rumble

10:30 - SueAnn Hregician

**Greeters:** Karl & Lynne Klinger, Jim & Edie Fella**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Riley Schlosser, Graham Smith

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Luke 12:13-21**Message:** Enough**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Carol Pope

10:30 - Vicki Mayk

**Greeters:** John & Debbie Romig, Chris & Abby Bastidas**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Brett Misera, Trevor Amorim

**Sunday, August 7, 2016**

12th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion/Healing Service

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**Message:** When you can see the dangers below...**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - David Fleming

**Greeters:** Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Dave & Karen Fleming**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Riley Schlosser

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

13th Sunday after Pentecost/Church Family Picnic

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service-Outdoor****Text:** Psalm 8**Message:** How Majestic is Your Name**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Liz Normann

10:30 - Fawn Albert

**Greeters:** Ruth Ensley, Doug & Angie Kuntz**Acolytes:** 8AM - Brett Misera**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

14th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Luke 6:27-36**Message:** Empathy and Compassion**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Doug Albert

10:30 - Dan Topp

**Greeters:** Jeff & Marcie Kroll, Jim & Leanna Lane**Acolytes:** 8AM - Trevor Amorim

10:30AM - Samantha Ritchie

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service****10:30am Horizon Service****Text:** Jeremiah 2:4-13**Message:** Eight 8-ounce glasses, 2 liters, or half a gallon: Drink up!**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Lucille Kuhns

10:30 - Harry Burger

**Greeters:** Todd & Amy McCoy, Jane Schappell**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Graham Smith, Kaden Haley

# July 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <u>9am</u> VBS, Bulletin Prep <u>7pm</u> VBS Closing	<b>2</b>
<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>7</b> <u>9am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff	<b>8</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>9</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>16</b>
<b>18</b> <u>6:45pm</u> Consistory	<b>19</b> <u>9am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff <u>7pm</u> Worship Committee	<b>20</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>23</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>30</b>
SUNDAYS					
<b>3 American Heritage</b> <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Baptism/Children's Video  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	<b>10</b> <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Children's Video  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds Tech Com Mtg	<b>17 Blessing of the Animals</b>  <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Outdoor Worship  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	<b>24</b>  <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Worship/ Children's Video  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	<b>31</b>  <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Worship/ Children's Video  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	

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<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>13</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <u>9am</u> Staff Mtg <u>10am</u> Program Staff	<b>24</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilt <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>7pm</u> Blues Nite Out	<b>27</b> <u>4pm</u> Blues Nite Out
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>9am</u> Newsletter Mailing	<b>31</b> <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilt <u>10am</u> Knitwits			
SUNDAYS					
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