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## Call Sunday—October 2

### No 8am Worship, 10:30 only

To All Members of Union UCC;

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I am writing you to announce that on Monday, August 22, 2016 the Search Committee presented to Consistory their selection for our next Senior Pastor. The Search Committee unanimously presented Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson as their selection and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Consistory approved this selection and has called a special congregational meeting to vote on this recommendation.

“Call Sunday” will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM. We will only have one service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and immediately after the service all members in good standing are eligible to vote either for or against Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson as our next senior pastor.

All members in good standing including newly confirmed members are eligible to vote. The Union UCC by-laws require that in order for an individual to cast a vote, the member must be in attendance on Call Sunday and additionally the Penn North-east Conference requires that the member must hear the sermon in order to vote, therefore we cannot allow write-in votes. As per our constitution, the candidate must receive at least 85% positive votes of those in attendance on Call Sunday in order to be named our next senior pastor. The results of the vote will be announced at the service, as the plan is to have a hymn sing after the service while the votes are being counted.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Search Committee on an outstanding and extremely thorough job. I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to Donna Christman, Aften Hamm, Ardith Kuhns, Sue Ondrey, Dave Fleming (Chair), Dennis Foster, Don Penrod, Carrington Smith and Phil Wehr. These nine volunteers met twenty-seven times averaging three hours per meeting over the last twelve months. The committee is quite confident that they have presented the congregation with the best candidate.

So, mark your calendar and see you at 10:30 on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Call Sunday.



Sincerely,  
 Brad Hackett



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#### Sunday Sponsors

**Flower Basket (\$30),  
 Adult & Children's Bulle-  
 tins (\$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)**

## From the Interim Pastor

### “Reflections...”

As I sit at my desk writing these reflections, I am anticipating several invasive medical tests in preparation for a heart valve replacement procedure. Latest estimates are that the procedure will be done in mid October.

There is nothing like a serious medical condition to get one thinking about the frailty of our mortal existence. Each day is a gift from God, and although there is much we can do to look after this gift; ultimately, our living and dying is beyond our control!

How many times I have preached that Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane is the most powerful prayer ever prayed: *“Nevertheless, not my will*

*but Thy will be done.”* This prayer takes on greater meaning in light of a serious medical condition.

I am reminded of Paul's words in the opening chapter of his second letter to the church at Corinth: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... who consoles us in all our affliction so that we may be able to console those in any affliction...” II Corinthians 1.3-4*

I trust that experiencing my current medical procedure will make me a better pastor. Most assuredly, it is leading me to pray more fervently than ever, “Not my will, but Thy will be done!”

*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, September 19, 2016 by President Brad Hackett.

The Treasurer's Report and August - September 2016 bills were presented and approved.

**Property and Maintenance Committee reported** that painting projects have been finished in the sanctuary and on the exterior of the addition, and minor repairs around the property have been made. Blues Nite Out was a success; the weather was good and the attendance in the grove was great. The profit of \$4,750 was divided and distributed to the General Fund and other ministries within the church. The first annual Backyard BBQ Bash on Saturday September 10 was also successful; final profits have not been calculated. Ed and Tim Lorah and their families did a great job with cooking and serving the chicken and pork dinners.

**Christian Education Committee** reported that the fundraiser selling hoagies is ongoing and orders can be placed in the foyer. Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 22, come out and decorate the trunk of your car. Lots of children participate in the event and the Lutheran church is participating as well.

**Mission Committee reported that on** Harvest Home 1,100 pounds of food was donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. The annual Crop Walk is

coming up. Also, there are two upcoming missions: Holy Joe's Café during Coffee Hour and the Oxfam Hunger Banquet. Collections for Holy Joe's will be accepted during the month of October and ships Equal Exchange coffee to 150 chaplains benefitting active military service people. Oxfam Hunger Banquet is November 6 and is a freewill donation to Oxfam or a local foodbank. Tickets need to be picked up prior to the event to plan for the banquet meal.

**Church and Ministry Committee reported that** that if all goes well on Call Sunday, October 2, we will hold an Installation of our new Senior Pastor on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. After Call Sunday, the Committee is looking ahead at planning a Search Committee for the Associate Pastor position.

**Welcoming Committee reported that** the Committee is brainstorming for ways to bring new members into the church. Please contact a Welcoming Committee member or Consistory member with suggestions.

**Stewardship Committee presented** two requests for funds. One for guest speakers for Golden Times and one for Our Church Wide Mission consistent with previous years' requests. Consistory approved the requests.

**Fellowship Committee reported** that the Basket Social is coming up on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00pm. Also reported that the Advent workshop and luncheon will be held on December 4.

**The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, October 17, in Room 101.**

## Mission Committee By Susan Smith

You are cordially invited to attend the Mission Committee's **Hunger Banquet Lunch on Nov. 6 immediately after 10:30 worship**. This is a FREE event open to EVERYONE. Based on the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, events similar to this one have been attended by more than 850,000 people over the past 4 decades. By raising awareness about world hunger and the many causes of poverty, our efforts at Union UCC can help change lives.

This meal will be unlike any other the church has hosted. You may be moved, literally and figuratively. You may be uncomfortable, literally and figuratively. Everyone will play a part in this theater-like event as you assume the role of someone else. You get to choose if you want to have a speaking part!

The event is free, but you must sign up beforehand so that food can be prepared. A free will offering will be collected. Tickets will be available after worship services during the month of October. For the best experience, we need as many people to attend.

Join the Mission Committee for a meaningful gathering that will increase our power to respond to global crises, raise awareness, and change the unjust laws that keep people trapped in poverty. (For more information, go to [oxfamamerica.org](http://oxfamamerica.org))

## Operation Project Food Bank By Phil Wehr

Every November, Union UCC is responsible to provide volunteers to help distribute food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald. Ten to twelve volunteers are needed on **Thursday November 3, 10, and 17 from 3:34 pm - 7:15 pm** and on **Saturday November 19 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon**. Please consider providing time to help others, call Phil Wehr 610-767-3657 or Wilbur Romig 610-285-2191. The food bank is located on Center Street in Emerald, directly across from the Washington Township Municipal building.

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

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

## Crop Walk By Pastor Allan

### Sunday, October 9

For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service.

This year's CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9, leaving from St Timothy's Lutheran Church in Allentown at 1 pm. Walkers may choose a Golden Mile walk or a 3 mile walk through the city of Allentown. Sponsors are needed to pledge financial support for our walkers. **Registration forms are available from Pastor Allan or Susan Smith.**







Where School Memories Begin

The school year has begun and the laughter and energy once again fills the Preschool classrooms. Response to the new classroom organization has been positive, with children enjoying the opportunity to self-direct some of their play time and learning time. We would like to welcome Kelly Ord, Susan Horwith and Lisa Schaedel to our Preschool staff, please go to our school webpage to read all about them.

We're selling **KidStuff Coupon Books** for our school for \$25! Save at Macy's, Sears, Dick's, Michaels, Payless + more! See 26 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>. KidStuff ships books to our school. Email us at [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) to order any edition!

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)

## Hospital Stay Information:

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.**



## Book Club

October 11th @ 6:30 pm in the memory room. Book: *Six Million Paper Clips, The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial* Authors Peter Schroeder & Dagmar Schroeder Hildebrand Will we also be reviewing our previous book. Kathi Charles 610-462-5551 or [kac4b@hotmail.com](mailto:kac4b@hotmail.com) Good fellowship!

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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

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

or [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org) for forms and room availability. Thank You!

## Men's Group

### October 29—Hike to the Pinnacle.

Meet at the church at 8:30 am to car pool to Hamburg Reservoir to hike to the Pinnacle.

RSVP to Pastor Allan at [interimpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:interimpastor@unionucc.org) or Carrington Smith at [susancarrington@hotmail.com](mailto:susancarrington@hotmail.com).

### November 19 Northern Lehigh Food Bank 8:45 am - Noon

The men of the church are invited to assist in distributing food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, 7884 Center Street, Emerald, PA 18080. RSVP to Pastor Allan at [interimpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:interimpastor@unionucc.org) or Phil Wehr at [PJWehr@aol.com](mailto:PJWehr@aol.com).

# Children's Programs Nursery to 6th Grade

Contact: Kathy Bonsell 610-767-6961

Email: dired@unionucc.org

All children, Kindergarten—6th grade, are invited to be a part of our Junior Youth Group, known as the **CIA (CHILDREN IN ACTION)**. Their first event will be GLOW GOLF at Spring Hill Golf on **October 7** at 7:00. The cost is \$5 per participant. Parents must provide transportation and remain at the event. Please RSVP to neffsCIA@gmail.com by Oct. 5th. We will meet in the parking lot of Spring Hill Golf at 6:50.



**Union UCC and Union Evangelical Lutheran would like to invite all children to our fifth TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Saturday, October 22nd, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be in both our grove parking lot and the Lutheran lot with a short cemetery walk in between.**



Wear your costume and pick up treats at each participating decorated vehicle. In our lot, you can vote on the car that you think is the BEST DECORATED and the vehicle that is the MOST CREATIVE. Both churches will also have food for our hungry trunk-or-treaters. Union UCC is also having a Food Drive—Bring canned goods for the local food bank and receive a special treat! Hope you can join us at this fun and safe event!

*FRESHLY MADE*  
**HOAGIES \$5.00**



Place your order at church on Sunday!  
Pick up Saturday, Oct. 15th, 10-11am

**Italian Turkey**

THANK YOU for supporting the CE Committee, our bus trips, extras for our teachers and children, and Gift Bibles.

## Shopping, Smorgasbord, and a Show!

We will leave Union UCC at 8:30am for a day in Lancaster.

**Shopping—TANGER OUTLETS**

**Smorgasbord— Bird In Hand**

**Show— American Music Theatre's 2016**

**Christmas Show—WINTER WONDERLAND**

We will return to Union UCC around 7pm.

**Adults- \$75**

**Children (13-17) - \$60**

**Children (3-12) - \$55**

DON'T WAIT! ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS must be given to Kathy Bonsell by OCT. 2nd.



## **OCT** **BER** Children's Church Calendar

Oct. 2 Church Family Service

Oct. 9 Sneaker Stroll (mission) Luke 17: 11-19

Oct. 16 Children's Sabbath Sunday Luke 18: 1-8

Oct. 23 Luke 18: 9-14

Oct. 29 Church Family Service

## **SNEAKER STROLL (our version of the CROP WALK)**

October 9th during Sunday

School AND Children's Church.

Wear your sneakers or crocs and bring your donation envelope!



## 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/Youth Group)

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).



**College Students/Parents** Send us your school address or let us know if you're at home. Care packages are involved.

**Sat Oct 22 2-5pm – Trunk or Treat** (with your families)

**Sat Oct 22 – Two T's Mini Golf, Easton** Meet at church at 5pm. Eat Supper at home. Mini-golf (indoor and outdoor), Laser Tag, Arcade. Home by 10pm. Cost: \$16 to play 3 games. Bring money for arcade/ice cream. Money and RSVP to Dave by Oct 16.

**Sun Oct 30 – Brad Hackett, Muhlenberg College Track Coach** talks about the college search process with 30 years of experience on college campuses.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB (High School Class) at 9:15am-10:15am Room 4 Basement

**Sun Nov 6 – Oxfam Banquet.** A lunch experience hosted by Mission Committee. Youth and families are invited to help and attend.

**Sat Nov 12 - Hang In Night 6pm-930pm at church.** FREE Bring friends. A fun night of games, music, food, and hanging in. Sign up with Dave by Nov 6-10.

**Nov 18-20 Confirmation Retreat** – 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Confirmation Class for the weekend. Space is limited, contact Pastor Kris for forms.

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

**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.

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

### FUNDRAISER

**Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Sale**

Get a fundraiser packet at church starting **Sunday, October 31.**

**Orders and money due November 13.**

**Pick up orders at church on Wednesday, Nov 30 4-7pm.**

**\*Note: Confirmation Class is also doing this fundraiser, their dates are different.**

Money raised covers the cost of events and we give 10% of our profits back to the church or another charity.

**Church Members, friends & family SHOP ONLINE**

**[www.gertrudehawk.com](http://www.gertrudehawk.com) Click on Fundraising button, find "The Youth Group of Union UCC", enter our number: 725031.**

**For Online orders: Delivery is free to the church, or with shipping added orders can be delivered to your home.**



## Property Committee by Phil Wehr

During the summer months, much activity was happening around the church property. Contractors in various professions were here making improvements to the property, or emergency repairs as needed. Our large property needs constant and continuous attention.

Walking into the entrance of the New Beginning Addition, you will find a new hallway rug, a fresh coat of paint on the walls and both sets of entrance doors. Exterior painting also was done on the window sills and porch columns of the addition.

Walking into the sanctuary, you will find a fresh coat of paint on the sides of the pews, the front chancel, the columns holding the balcony, and the window sills. Additional painting was done in Memorial Hall, the Youth Room, and the stair tower.

Emergency repairs consisted of elevator repairs, air conditioning repairs, heating repairs in the Memory Room, and the removal and replacement of the exterior drain at the kitchen entrance. The regular septic tank cleaning also took place in June.

A fresh coat of paint was given to the stage in the grove, along with the electrical/storage building and the small pavilion.

All of these projects were funded through our church endowment fund, The Funds of Lasting Gifts. Give praise and thanks to the trustees and to the many original donors to this endowment fund, which allows earnings and funds to provide for continued maintenance to our church property, along with serving other missions and ministries within the church, as per the designation of each individual fund.

Blessings to all, enjoy the fall season.



## Basket Social

Wednesday, October 5, 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 5. 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...**

## Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters

If you'd like to learn or share your gifts while visiting with others join us on Wednesdays.

The quilters (The Busy Bees) start at 9am and work until about noon.

The knitters and crocheters (The Knit Wits) start at 10am and work until about noon.

Each group works on projects that support the church's ministry with quilt raffles and lap robes and baptism blankets for our members. Come for the whole time or as long as your schedule allows.

Busy Bees are selling quilts! Stop by on a Wednesday or contact Janet Creitz to find out how you can own your own Busy Bee Quilt!





### Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Dick & Madeline Bingell,  
Eunice Diehl,  
Teresa Dalrymple, Larry  
Frantz,  
Phyllis Hamm, Judy  
Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron  
Kleckner, Linda Migliori,  
Barbara Panner, Linda &  
Wilbur Romig, Jill  
Schlosser, Jean & Stan  
Wieand

We always welcome newsletter assembly helpers the last Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Youth Room.

### 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:  
November  
20th at  
10:30am  
Worship**



Here are some of the music opportunities that our staff and leaders are working on for the upcoming church year. You can join any choir at any time of the year. Directors will make every effort to include you even if you cannot attend rehearsals on a regular basis. Thank you to all of our musicians for the many gifts you bring to our worship time.

**8:00am Heritage Choir** - Directed by *Blake Hoppes*. Adults and high school youth are welcome to join this group for rehearsals at 7:15am each Sunday. This group sings almost every Sunday at 8am worship. They join the Horizon Choir for special programs at the holidays.

**10:30am Horizon Choir** - Directed by *Mike Baer*. Adults and high school youth are welcome to join this group for rehearsals at 9:15am each Sunday. This group sings about 2-3 times a month at 10:30am worship. They join the Heritage Choir for special programs at the holidays.

#### **Children and Youth Choirs** -

*these choirs sing monthly at the 10:30am worship service.*

*Directed by Mike Baer, Judy Stubbman, and Dave DiPaolantonio.*

Weekly rehearsals on **Tuesdays**

**Cherub Choir Ages 3-Grade 1** at 6:00pm.

**Junior Choir Grades 2-5** at 6:30pm

**Middler Choir Grades 6-8** at 7:00pm.

**High School Choir Grades 9-12** Directed by *Blake Hoppes*. Weekly rehearsals on **Wednesdays** at 6pm. Welcome Blake! Note the change in rehearsal time. This choir will also offer a monthly Sunday rehearsal at 11:45-12:15 for those who miss the weeknight rehearsals.

**Unity Choir** - Directed by *Roni Gerry*, church member and co-owner of *Gerry Music Studios*. Weekly rehearsals Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30. Starting Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. This choir will sing 4-6 times a year. This is a chance for any soprano or alto of any age to participate. We hope to get Teenagers, Grandmas, Moms, & kids singing together.

**Hand Chime Ensemble** - Directed by *Edie Fella*. Hand chimes rehearse on Thursday nights at 7pm and perform in services about four times a year.

**Brass Ensemble** - Directed by *Mike Baer*. The group plays on special occasions including Christmas, Easter and Patriotic holidays.

**Men's Choir** - Directed by *Mike Baer*. We would love to get this group back into our schedule. Men, let Mike know of your interest.

**Special Music** by instrumentalists, singers as soloists or in small groups. Sign up with Mike or Blake to offer your music in worship at the holidays or on any Sunday.

**Sound Crew** operates the sound system in the sanctuary and the portable sound system. Training is provided by experienced members, and the team operates on a rotating schedule.

### Join the Choir! Practice Schedules:

**Tuesday Nights—Youth**  
**Cherubs (age 4-1st grade)— 6pm**  
**Juniors/Middlers (2nd-8th)-6:30**  
**Unity Choir—7:30pm**  
**High School (9th-12th)-Wed. @6pm**

**Sunday Mornings—Adults**  
**Heritage Choir-7:15am**  
**Horizon Choir-9:15am**

If you want additional information about these groups or if you'd like to be added to our email list for ongoing information about rehearsals and performance times, please contact Mike Baer at [dirmusic@unionucc.org](mailto:dirmusic@unionucc.org), Blake Hoppes at [blake.charger@gmail.com](mailto:blake.charger@gmail.com) or Roni Gerry at [mattnrni@yahoo.com](mailto:mattnrni@yahoo.com).



## 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](http://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.

## Did You Know?

- You can get **weekly emails** updating you on the events and Sunday services at church?
- You can get your monthly **newsletter online**? Simply text UNIONUCC to 22828 to join the list.
- You can see photos from church event on **Facebook**: [Facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs) or our Website [unionucc.org](http://unionucc.org)
- You can sign up for **E-giving** at no cost to you? See our website under 'Giving'
- **Text to give**? See page 11 for details.
- You can sign up for **Amazon Smile** and a portion of your Amazon.com purchases will be donated to the church?



**TAI CHI** Resumes Mondays, 9/12-11/14 Choir Room, Beginner's Class 9-9:40, Advanced Class 10-11 and Thursdays, 9/15-11/17 Room 100 – Beginner & Advanced 6-7 pm. Free Teacher-Beth Dymond.

**SPIRITUALLY FIT** Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Memorial Hall. The program is simple and free and consists of light aerobics, toning weights, floor abs and stretching. It's a way to make exercise fun. Dan Topp at 610-767-3384

## New Member Sessions

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

Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to two gatherings on **November 6 and 13 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 20th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service**. Contact Pastor Kris at [assocpastor@unionucc.org](mailto:assocpastor@unionucc.org) if you have questions or contact the church office to sign up with Tara at 610-767-6961 or [secretary@unionucc.org](mailto:secretary@unionucc.org).



## All Saints' Sunday

**November 6, 2016**

Come celebrate those who have received the Catch the Spirit Award this year and we will remember those who have entered into eternal rest. Recipients and family members, please join us as we honor you and your family members.

***We are NOT collecting items for Santa's Attic at this time.***

## 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**

## Home Visitation Members Birthdays

**Dorothy George - Oct. 10**

Eastern Comfort, 206 Diamond St  
Slatington, PA 18080-1589

**Hilda Nagel - Oct. 23**

2757 PA Rt 309  
Orefield, PA 18069-9775

**Marion Snyder-Oct. 10**

4323 Route 309  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

**Emilie Peters—Oct. 24**

WA-4 Park One Sandy Dr.  
Walnutport, PA 18088

**Dorothy Rabert-Oct. 15**

At Home at Parkland  
4315 Washington St.  
Schnecksville, PA 18078



## Blues Nite Out

Beautiful weather brought record crowds to Neffs Church Grove to enjoy the music and food provided for this year's Blues Nite Out. Two fun nights of community fellowship sponsored by Union United Church of Christ.

The Bryant Brothers returned Friday night to a large crowd of followers who steadily flowed into the grove as the music began. Blues Nite Out is the favorite performance spot of the year for the Bryant Brothers. They truly appreciate the opportunity to play in our beautiful grove. Brothers Tom and Bob and the rest of the band performed a variety of classic rock and blues songs through out the evening.

Saturday's event started off with a debut performance by Bev Conklin and her BC Combo Band. Winner of multiple Lehigh Valley Music awards over the past years, Bev and her band put on a terrific show to the audience. Afterwards Bev commented "Thank you so much for inviting me, what a wonderful setting for our band to perform, your helpers are fantastic".

The grove was packed surrounding the stage and pavilion as the Sarah Ayers Band started their main set. Sarah was accompanied by guitarist Lou Franco, bassist Dan Evans and drummer Jim Ruffi. The audience enjoyed her original songs, along with her classic cover songs *Me & Bobby McGee*, *Son of a Preacher Man*, and so much more. Sarah comments " This is our favorite family gig of the year, we love coming to Blues Nite Out and Neffs Church Grove".

Special thanks to all Blues Nite Out helpers (over 70 members), bakers, chefs, ice cream dippers, raffle ticket sellers and music lovers who help to make this community event a success, and blessings for the beautiful weather. All proceeds support various missions and ministries within Union UCC.



## Adult Study

### Friday Morning Adult Class

9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement)

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Leader: Pastor Kris

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

Beginning October 9, Pastor Allan will lead discussions about Karen Armstrong's book, **Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life**. Karen Armstrong is a scholar, author, and founder of the Charter for Compassion ([www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org))

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

Oct 9 Introduction/Overview of Compassion

Oct 16 "Empathy"

Oct 23 "Mindfulness"

Oct 30 "Action"

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday 7-8:30PM room 5.

Starting September 20, 2016.



We are studying the four Gospels starting with John. You are invited to come learn new things and grow in faith. Contact Harry B. Burger 610-767-5344.

## Ways to Support Union UCC by Pastor Kris

### DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit

Card Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click on **GIVE ONLINE** button.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Send a text to **610-857-7023** with the amount you would like to contribute. Include the \$ sign. You'll be sent a text with directions to register.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** you can designate an automatic weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office.

**AMAZON SMILE** Earn money for Union UCC while you shop at Amazon by signing up at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Set Union United Church of Christ as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the church. Search charities by zip code 18065.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES in person or by mail**

Packets are given to members and friends in December for the new year. If you'd like a packet, please call the church office. Place your envelope in the offering plate on Sundays, use the envelopes in the rack in your seat at church for the offering plate or mail your offering by postal mail.

***For more information please see our website or contact Pastor Kris, Don Penrod or Randy Bilger.***



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### 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 December 8.**

### Helping Meals

We are always looking for people who can make a meal for our families when they face a challenging time. You would probably only need to help about 4-5 times a year. If you would like to add your name to the list please let Rev. Patience know at [vispastor@unionucc.org](mailto:vispastor@unionucc.org) or by calling the church office.

**You can also donate a Weis or DiFiores Restaurant card and give it to the church office for a pastor to share with a family.**

Ruth Miller was born on June 16, 1925 at home in Egypt, Pa. Ruth had four brothers and two sisters. Ruth grew up in Egypt, first in her parents' home, then she lived with her brother and his wife and cared for their young daughter, Bonnie.

Ruth was baptized at home under the care of Union UCC. Ruth was a faithful Sunday school and church attendee. Every week she and her brothers and sisters would walk to and from the local Sunday school. They would then get a ride from a friend to Union UCC. Ruth was confirmed at Union UCC and married under the care of Union UCC at Pastor Urfer's home.

Ruth and her husband had their first apartment in Bethlehem, and then bought their first home in Treichler's near her sister, Reenie. After the death of her husband from cancer, Ruth moved in with her sister in Wind Gap. The two sisters moved several times and finally ended up in Bethlehem.

Ruth left school to help care for her mother, who was in poor health.

She still found time to volunteer at the school to make meals for the teachers.

During World War II Ruth worked at a factory which made uniforms for the soldiers. The factory was conveniently next door to her home in Egypt.

Ruth is an excellent seamstress. She learned how to sew at a young age from her mother. She made her own wedding dress, and many crafts for various volunteer organizations over the years. Ruth still sews to this day.

Ruth would love to hear from you. Please feel free to write her at:  
701 Main Street, Apt. 611  
Bethlehem, PA 18018



## 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**

**Program: 'RSVP' Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

**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.



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Dr. Timothy Wright  
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***Raffle Winners:***

Date Night—Rich & Barbara Carinci  
Kitchen Aid Mixer— Deb Topp  
Cheers— Sally Kern  
Coach Bag —Alma Kelly  
Cash/Lottery Tree—Mike Buck  
Smoker/Thompson's—Angie Kuntz  
Massage—Chrissy Shivok  
Around the Town—Debbie DeFrain  
FitBit Alta—Roy Kern  
Bose Soundlink— Diane Papas  
Family Days—Susan Glosan



Marcus' last visit to church was for the July 31 service. He started Team Training on August 2 in Millersville with his new partner, Leah. He has gone from an assistance dog in training to Leah's partner as a mobility assistance dog. They had mastered many commands together in those 3 days together. Team Training is two weeks long and culminates in the public access test on the last day. Marcus will be leaving in Southern California with Leah and her family. Thank you Jane for sharing Marcus with our congregation and best wishes to Marcus and Leah!



# Worship Opportunities

## Sunday, October 2, 2016

20th Sunday after Pentecost/Call Sunday/Communion

**10:30am Horizon Service/Church Family-NO 8am Worship**

**Text:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14

**Message:** My love letter to Union UCC (You are a weird church!)

**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels, Senior Pastor Candidate

**Lay Readers:** 10:30 - David Fleming

**Greeters:** Carol Pope, Ronnie Pope, Greg & Johanna Zellner

**Acolytes:** 10:30AM - Karson Schaedel, Riley Schlosser

## Sunday, October 9, 2016

21st Sunday after Pentecost/Jazz Ensemble

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-Sneaker Stroll**

**Text:** Psalm 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19

**Message:** God Goose Bumps

**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Sandra Craig

10:30 - Chrissy Shivok

**Greeters:** Cliff & Carol James, Ruth Ensley

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Coral Shivok

## Sunday, October 16, 2016

22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Healing Service

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Genesis 32:22-31

**Message:** Genesis 32:22-31 Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

**Sermon:** "Wrestling with God"

**Lay Readers:** 8:00 - Liz Normann

10:30 - Leslie Thompson-Strack

**Greeters:** Karen & Karl Imdorf, Ron Snyder, Vicki Mayk

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Kaden Haley



Every Sunday in October Holy grounds will serve **Equal Exchange coffee**, a fair-trade brand of gourmet products and donations will support **Holy Joe's Café** which offers men and women on active duty a place to come, relax, and talk with chaplains.

## Sunday, October 23, 2016

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Message:** How do you live your dash?

**Sermon:** Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels

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

10:30 - Dan Topp

**Greeters:** Karl and Lynne Klinger, Jim & Edie Fella

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Brett Misera, Trevor Amorim

## Sunday, October 30, 2016

24th Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-Church Family Worship**

**Text:** Luke 19:1-10

**Message:** "Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man"

**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

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

10:30 - Vicki Mayk

**Greeters:** John and Debbie Romig, Chris & Abby Bastidas

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Samantha Ritchie

## 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:**

Oct. 2— Christian Ed

Oct. 9— Worship Committee

Oct. 16— Helping Hands

Oct. 23— Mission Committee

# Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
<b>7-1-2016</b>	\$ 9,644.00	\$18,753.00	\$28,397.00
<b>Income</b>	\$58,382.00	\$7,239.00	\$65,621.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$59,858.00	\$5,178.00	\$65,036.00
<b>8-31-2016</b>	\$8,168.00	\$20,814.00	\$28,982.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>8AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>		
August 7	90	151	13	254
August 14	50	176	CFW	226
August 21	58	88	6	152
August 28	53	114	8	175

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

## Deaths

**Arlene V. (Schmoyer) Moyer** passed away on August 29, 2016 and was laid to rest on September 2, 2016.

**Gloria (Dorshimer) Baer** passed away on September 4, 2016 and was laid to rest at Union Church Cemetery on September 9, 2016.

## Memorials

The following donations were received into the Memorial Fund in memory of **Arlene V. (Schmoyer) Moyer**:

Ann L. Koren & Family  
Marla & Daniel Buck  
Franklin & Anne Rabert

<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>				
<u>August 2015</u> –1,080 <u>August 2016</u> – 807				
<b>AVG ATTENDANCE</b>				
<u>July 2015</u> –216 <u>July 2016</u> - 202				

Susan & Douglass Lotz

Marilyn A. Tate

Michael & Dawn Stoudt

Kathleen E. Huber

Robert & Sandra Ackerman

Daniel & Judy Puchyr

Thomas & Doris Hunsicker

The following donations were received into the Memorial Fund in memory of **Gloria A. (Dorshimer) Baer**:

Charles & Carol Mesics

Barbara & Richard Carinci

Madeline & Richard Bingell

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Kitchen	ext. 30

# October 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>4 9am</b> Staff Mtg <b>10am</b> Program Staff <b>12pm</b> Golden Times <b>6pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>6:30</b> Junior Choir <b>7pm</b> Middler Choir; Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>5</b> <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilters <b>10am</b> Knitwits <b>5pm</b> Basket Social <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>7pm</b> Church & Ministry	<b>6</b> <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Christian Ed Committee; Chime Choir	<b>7</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>8</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>11</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>6:30pm</b> Book Club <b>7pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>12</b> <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilters <b>10am</b> Knitwits; Preschool Board <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>7pm</b> FLT Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>10am</b> Helping Hands <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Chime Choir	<b>14</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>10am</b> Hoagie Pick-up
<b>17</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>6:45pm</b> Consistory <b>7pm</b> Evangelism	<b>18</b> <b>9am</b> Staff Mtg <b>10am</b> Program Staff <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>7pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>19</b> <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilters <b>10am</b> Knitwits <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>20</b> <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Chime Choir	<b>21</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>3pm</b> Trunk or Treat
<b>24</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>25</b> <b>9am</b> Newsletter Mailing <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>7pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>26</b> <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilt <b>10am</b> Knitwits <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>27</b> <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Chime Choir	<b>28</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>29</b>
<b>31</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit					
SUNDAYS					
<b>2 Call Sunday/ Worldwide Communion</b> <b>NO 8am Worship</b>  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Confirmation  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/ Church Family Worship  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds	<b>9 CropWalk/Sneaker Stroll</b>  <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds	<b>16 Healing Service</b> <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Confirmation  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/ Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds	<b>23</b> <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Confirmation  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/ Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds	<b>30</b> <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Confirmation  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/ Church Family Worship <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds	