

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

## Congratulations Pastor Kris– Our New Senior Pastor!

We are pleased to announce the results of the congregational vote held October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Call Sunday, which confirmed the Senior Pastor Search Committee's recommendation of **Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson** as our next Senior Pastor. The vote was 96% in favor of the candidate.

Pastor Kris has formally accepted the call, the next step is for her to be installed. (See the invitation below.) It is tradition to have the service in the afternoon so that pastors and friends from other churches can attend. We hope you'll join us to celebrate.

We will soon announce the next steps to be taken to start the search process for a called Associate Pastor.

We are excited about this call and we thank everyone for their support and prayers during this process.

~ **Dave Fleming, Chair of the Search Committee**

**Installation of Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson**  
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, at Union UCC**  
**Guest Preacher: Rev. Thomas N. Thomas,**  
**Pastor Emeritus**

Participants include: Rev. Alan Miller, Conference Minister, Penn  
 Northeast Conference,  
 Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer, Rev. Patience Stevenson, Rev. Bill Metzger  
 Special Music by our Choirs and Soloists  
 A Reception of Food and Beverage to follow in Fellowship Hall



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### Sunday Sponsors

**Flower Basket (\$30),**  
**Adult & Children's Bulletin (\$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

### Gratitude

Recovering from my recent TAVR (trans aortic valve replacement) procedure, I have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I'm grateful for the doctors and technicians who performed the procedure; for the nurses who nursed me out of recovery and ICU; for my family who supported and cared for me during my early days of recovery. But I am most humbled by the outpouring of love and support I received from the members of Union UCC, shown through prayers and cards and text messages and even visits.

I am especially grateful to Pastor Kris who visited me at a difficult time and said a "miracle prayer" that got me going again.

When I accepted the call to serve as your Interim Assistant Pastor, I anticipated that I would support you and care for you during your time

of transition. You have made great progress in this transition as Pastor Kris has now been called as your Senior Pastor.

But when I accepted the call to serve you, I didn't anticipate that you would be supporting and caring for me during a difficult time in my life. It has been a true blessing to be part of the Union UCC family during my recent hospitalization. You have helped to give me a new heart, and I will be forever grateful to you.

Yes, I have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. I pray that whatever your circumstances, you will find something for which you are grateful this Thanksgiving Season.

*Pastor Allan*

## Mark your Calendars! The Parkland High School Chorale returns to Union UCC

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

This holiday concert in our beautifully-decorated sanctuary is always the perfect way to catch the Christmas spirit. It's Free, an offering is collected to support the Chorale. Refreshments are served after the concert.

Look for our own **Natalie Ondrey** in the group.

▲▲▲▲▲ **STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS** - In the tradition of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, we as a congregation have traditionally expressed our love and appreciation for our hard-working pastors and staff by presenting each with a monetary gift. If you'd like to share in this gift, please send a check payable to Susan Ondrey, 2901 Strohl Rd, Allentown, PA 18104 no later than Sunday, Dec 21. Any questions, email Sue at [ondrey@ptd.net](mailto:ondrey@ptd.net).  
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## 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.
  - We have a **Facebook** page: [Facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs)
  - You can sign up for **E-giving** at no cost to you?
  - **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?
- To sign up to get emails/e-newsletter, or for E-giving visit our website: **WWW.UNIONUCC.ORG** and click on the **RESOURCES** tab or send an email to: [secretary@unionucc.org](mailto:secretary@unionucc.org)

## Crop Walk

### CROP Walk for Hunger Results:

Union UCC had 16 walkers and raised \$1,326. The Allentown CROP Walk raised almost \$30,000 total with 24 congregations participating. Almost of this money will go to alleviate hunger concerns in the Lehigh Valley and in the world.

Thanks everyone for supporting this important effort that has been helping communities for many years.

Peace, Pastor Kris

## 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 3:30 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.

Thank you to the Search Committee, Consistory and to all of you for your patience, perseverance, tenacity, hard work, spirit and faithfulness throughout the last eighteen years as I served as your Associate Pastor and the last two years as I served as your Acting Senior Pastor.

As I said in my sermon and love letter to you on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is you and God's ministry and mission that we share that:

Wakes me up at night with worry or with a new idea.

Leads me to continue to feel called to serve God here, with you.

Makes my heart sing, and I'm certain makes God's heart sing too.

I am honored, humbled and grateful to be called here in this new role.

First, however, I look forward to worshipping and partying together on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

~ Pastor Kris

## 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**



## Where School Memories Begin

October leaves are changing colors as we learn about the seasons and the weather in our 4-year-old program. We go "down on the farm" with our 3's, complete with a trip to the pumpkin patch. Our Pre-K students are completing an author and illustrator study, working through some of the most celebrated children's authors. 23 of our families joined us for a fun Open House in which Parkland Community Library joined us to sign students up for library cards. In addition, we had a visit from the Neffs Fire Department for Fire Safety Week. We will wrap up a busy October with our traditional Halloween parties and Costume Parade.

With a rolling admissions process, there is still time to enroll for the 2016-2017 school year. If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more information or a registration form, please stop by or call the Preschool office at 610-767-5327. Registration forms can also be downloaded from our website at [www.unionucc.org/preschool/](http://www.unionucc.org/preschool/).

### PRESCHOOL RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

It is time to start cleaning out those closets and drawers. There will be a truck by the Church Grove from November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> to collect your unwanted clothing and household items. This fundraiser benefits Neffs UCC Preschool.

Items accepted: Clothing, shoes, bedding, dishes, pots, plastic products, knick-knacks, luggage, tools, toys, stuffed animals, sporting goods, exercise equipment, small appliances, home electronics. All items should be clean and dry. Electronic items and appliances do not need to be working.

Items NOT accepted: TV's, mattresses, carpets, large furniture or appliances, car seats, any moldy or mildewed items.

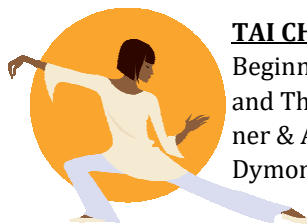
## Hospital Stay Information:

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.**



**TAI CHI** 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

### 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

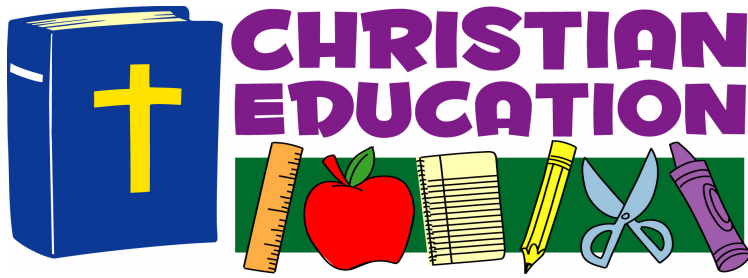
### November 19 Northern Lehigh Food Bank

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).





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

### Union UCC's HOLIDAY challenge— Reverse Advent Calendar

This year, we will be handing out baskets and advent calendars to interested families. The idea is to put something **IN** the basket each day of Advent. Bring the filled basket back to church between Christmas Eve and New Years Day and we will deliver your Holiday donation to the FOOD BANK. Help your family give to others every day of Advent. Sign up in the foyer 11/6 and 11/13. Baskets will be handed out 11/20 and 11/27.



Reverse Advent  
Basket

(Item Ideas: canned goods, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pasta, condiments, cake and brownie mixes, jello, cereal, socks, mittens, toilet paper)



### SAVE YOUR SILVER CHANGE!

The children who attend Sunday School and Children's Church are collecting silver change until May in order to **BUY ANIMALS** through Heifer International. We will be talking about this mission in Children's Church the first Sunday of each month. Look for the animal banks!

### ADULT Bible Study WORKSHOP

We will be studying scripture and enhancing our understanding of the verses with design and color. We will begin with Illuminated Bible Journaling videos and together we will share ideas and techniques. Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies. Our workshops are stress-free and we will focus on the positive! Our November dates are Nov. 3 and Nov. 17, 9:30-11:30, in the Room 5.



### WHOOOO knows?

Our Sunday School children are memorizing John 3:16. Check out the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall to see what our amazing children are doing! All children who complete this challenge in Nov. or Dec. will receive 50 coins for the end of the year coin exchange.



The children participated in our annual SNEAKER STROLL during Sunday School and Children's Church on Oct. 9th. They collected **\$265** in sponsor money to donate to our local Crop Walk.

**YAY!**



# November

### Children's Church Calendar

**Nov. 6** Luke 20:27-38  
**Nov. 13** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
**Nov. 20** Luke 23:33-43  
**Nov. 27** Church Family Worship

### BIBLES FOR KIDS



Union UCC has a **GIFT BIBLE PROGRAM** which is sponsored by the CE Committee and Funds of Lasting Gifts. We will present BIBLES the second Sunday of Advent to those children who are in 3rd grade or older and have attended at least 5 Sunday School or Children's Church classes. We will be presenting WHIRL NRSV Bibles.

## 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).



### FUNDRAISER

#### Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Sale

Get a fundraiser packet at church starting **Sunday, October 30.**

**Orders and money due November 13.**

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

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.

**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.

#### Looking Ahead:

**Dec 18 11:45-1** Advisory Team Meeting and Lunch,  
Caroling for everyone 1-4pm

**Jan 22** Suds and Spuds Lunch

**Jan 29** Snow Tubing

**Feb 11-12** Confirmation Class Sleepover

**Feb 28** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 5** Youth Sunday

**March Service Weekend to Philadelphia**  
**Summer Mission Trip**



**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)  
Confirmants 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)

## Property Committee by Phil Wehr

Fall is here, the leaves are falling, daylight time is becoming shorter, and temperatures are falling. Truly a wonderful time of the year for a walk outside in our church grove, woods, and even the cemetery. A time to reflect on the joys and even the sorrows that fill our lives. Then take a step inside our warm church to warm your spirits and your hearts.

The season of Thanksgiving will soon arrive, and we have so much to be thankful for here at Union UCC. We are thankful for our beautiful church and our church property, we are thankful for our dedicated pastors and staff, and everyone involved with caring for the property.

We are grateful for the many and varied contractors in many professions who use their God given talents and learned experiences to keep our property maintained and in working order. They are called upon regularly to perform many tasks, from electricians to plumbers, from painters to carpenters, from masons to repair technicians, to the folks who clean the floors, mow the grass, and shovel the walks, and so many more.

Your stewardship efforts and donations are vital in taking care of God's church, your church, our church, here at Union UCC of Neffs. Take pride in the beauty that God has provided, with the help of many hands over many generations.

Peace.



### 2017 Envelope packets

Envelope packets for 2017 will be ready for pickup after Thanksgiving. Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs.

Please do not use the new envelopes until 2017, everyone gets new numbers each year. Thank you, The Stewardship Committee

### Christmas Eve Yard Signs

Yard Signs are available for you to pick up in November on Sundays or during the week. If you already have a yard sign, please use it if it's in good shape. We ask that you place them in your yard or at important corners near your home to help us share the hope of Christmas with your neighbors and invite them to our church. Please hold onto signs for next year. New signs are available with all 4 services listed: 3pm, 5pm, 8pm and 11pm.

Thank you for your gifts to the **Spread the Good News Fund** to help with this cost.

Thank you to **Grant Mertz and Mertz Signs** for their work and contribution.

### 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!





## Staying Connected to Your Church Family Pastor Kris

### Thanks to our Office Helpers!

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

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

### Sunday Morning Alive

Sunday Morning Alive  
leads worship on Sun-  
days at 10:30 for about  
six Sundays throughout  
the year. We have a  
worship team that in-  
cludes a group of sing-  
ers, guitar players, key-  
boards 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**



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 time, talent and treasure. 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 me or the church office if you have questions about your church membership.

**Our next worship services with Holy Communion are on November 27<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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).





*Brad Hackett is our Catch the Spirit recipient for November. He was nominated by Church and Ministry. He will be recognized November 6, 2016 at 10:30am worship.*

By Tara Henninger

Brad was raised in the Methodist tradition in Bridgeport, CT. Brad came to Union UCC after marrying wife, Lorie, who was already a member. He has two stepsons, Ryan who is in graduate school at the University of Hawaii and Chris who is an architect in New York City. Brad has been the track coach at Muhlenberg College for the past 18 years - prior to that he coached track at Syracuse University for 10 years, Bucknell University for 3 years and Colgate University for 2 years. In his spare time Brad's favorite hobby is golf.

Brad has been involved at Union UCC in various capacities. He has been on Consistory for 4 years, serving as President of Consistory for 2 years coming up in February. Prior to that he was Vice President of Consistory for 1 year. He has made several presentations to the Breakfast Club on how to go about searching for a college and even delivered a sermon in February of 2015. In addition to these volunteering opportunities he also helps with Blues Nite Out and loves to help usher on Sundays. Brad says that his favorite church memory "was having the good fortune for Lorie and I to have been married by Pastor Tom."

When asked why he loves his church Brad says, "Union UCC makes me feel fulfilled. I just feel better about myself after attending a Sunday morning service. I also appreciate the opportunity to serve on Consistory as it makes me feel as if I have the chance to give back."

*Cheryl and Gary Yencho were our Catch the Spirit recipients for October. They were nominated by Evangelism Committee. They were recognized October 23, 2016 at 10:30am worship.*

By Cheryl Yencho

Cheryl and her family grew up attending Neffs Union UCC Church and the Schnecksville Sunday School. Cheryl has always found religion to be the inspiration for her life. Her father served on Consistory and as a child Cheryl always hoped that one day she would also be able to serve on Consistory. Cheryl's favorite times at church are Harvest Home, Christmas, and Easter. Gary grew up in Bethlehem at the Parish of Our Lady Perpetual Help and served as an altar boy and participated in many church family events. Gary has actively attended Neffs Church with Cheryl for the past 36 years. Both Cheryl and Gary enjoy helping when they can with the many activities here at Neffs.

They have two daughters. Kim is married to Scott and their daughter is Ellie. Ashley resides on Long Island and works for Stony Brook University. Cheryl has been employed by Air Products and Chemicals for 36 years. She is currently an HR International Assignment Administrator. Gary is employed by Ironton Telephone Company as the Network Operations Center Manager. They both love spending time with family, going to the beach, and watching basketball. Cheryl and Gary love to do mostly everything together and would like to find more time to travel, bike and hike. Currently their time is spent between family, work, and church.

Cheryl currently serves on Consistory and participated on the Leadership Planning Team. Cheryl and Gary together are active with the Welcoming Committee and help with various events throughout the year, such as, Blues Night Out, Spring and Fall events. Typically, at one or all of those events is where you can usually find Gary grilling with the grill guys. Cheryl and Gary previously taught Children's Church while their daughters were growing up. Coming to church gives them "something to look forward to. We both use church as a way to build, strengthen and rekindle our faith."

They have many good memories here. Their daughters were confirmed, Kim and Scott were married by Pastor Kris, and their granddaughter was baptized here as well. Cheryl was confirmed by Rev. Urfer, and they were married by Rev. Goguts in 1982. Cheryl and Gary have strengthened old friendships and built many new valuable friendships over the years. "We've had the pleasure of knowing the pastoral staff and have enjoyed the preaching of many wonderful pastors, Rev. Dye, Pastor Tom, Rev. Patience, Pastor Allan and now our new Senior Pastor Kris."

Cheryl and Gary love the fellowship, the sanctuary, and the music (old and new) at Neffs UCC. Both realized years ago that their weeks are smoother and spiritually better when they attend church on Sunday. "Most importantly, we've learned together that there is nothing more satisfying than serving the Lord, sharing the gifts God gave us, with others."

## Home Visitation Members Birthdays

**Elaine Creitz - Nov. 10**

c/o Vicki Lindsay

3844 Vista Dr.

Slatington, PA 18080

**Delores Rader— Nov. 23**

1654 Clearview Rd.

Coplay, PA 18037



***We are NOT collecting items for Santa's Attic at this time. We will collect them and books after January 1st. Please place donations on the stage.***

## 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**

## All Saints' Sunday/ Honoring Our Veterans

### All Saints' November 6th

We will remember our church members who passed away this year. Family and friends are invited to take a rose home.

You will also have a chance to remember your friends and family members who are not members by listing their name on an easel. The empty chair will help us to remember their place in our lives as we remember them in worship, along with our church members who have passed away this year. Peace be with you.

We Remember: Gloria Baer, Danielle Beard, Larry Follweiler, Perma Hallman, Joanne Haney, Robert Herzog, Irene Hess, Daniel Koren, Jim Melniszyn, Robert Mengal, Adeline Miller, Arlene Moyer, Althea Schiffer, Pearl Solt, Anne Stoss, Paul Wotring

### Honoring Our Veterans on November 6<sup>th</sup>

The Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley will be our special music guests as we recognize our veterans.

One of the pieces they'll be playing will be a section of each branch's song where members of that branch will be invited to stand. Thank you to our veterans and members in the military. You are in our prayers.

[www.littlebrassband.com](http://www.littlebrassband.com)

## Deaths

**Robert Herzog** passed away on September 27, 2016 and was laid to rest in Union Church Cemetery October 1, 2016.

## Book Club

November 29th @ 6:30 pm in the Memory room. Book: *Out of the Woods* by Leslie Chastain. This book will be a Hallmark mini-series in 2017. Kathi Charles 610-462-5551 or [kac4b@hotmail.com](mailto:kac4b@hotmail.com) Good fellowship!



## Women's Lunch

### Women's Lunch Date

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1-3pm**

Take a break and sneak away for some time with us.

### Starlite Diner

233 Pennsylvania Route 100, Allentown

Lunch – choose from the menu, pay your own.

RSVP to Aften Hamm by Friday, Dec 10

at [Unycorn12@msn.com](mailto:Unycorn12@msn.com)

## Adult Study

### Friday Morning Adult Class

9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement)

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

November 4 "The Heart of the Gospel"

Pastor Allan will discuss John Dominic Crossan's thesis that the heart of Jesus' message is that God is waiting for us to work collaboratively to bring about God's kingdom here on earth.

November 11 "The Power of Parable"

Pastor Allan will discuss John Dominic Crossan's thesis that Jesus uses parables to provoke his listeners into collaborating with God to bring about the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

November 18 "The Function of Parable"

Pastor Allan will discuss John Dominic Crossan's thesis that Jesus' parables challenge us to work with God to bring about the kingdom of heaven on earth.

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

November 6 and 13 -We will take a look at "Faith, Values and the 2016 Election: Toward a Politics of the Golden Rule", a guide written by Interfaith Power and Light. Please join us for a reflective conversation about how our faith might inform our public life. Led by Pastor Patience.

November 20 -"What is the UCC?" Session 1

Pastor Allan will discuss the history of the UCC and what we believe.

November 27 -"What is the UCC?" Session 2

We will discuss what we believe and how we function.

December 4 -"Religious Holidays--Ramadan"

Pastor Allan will lead a discussion of this Moslem holiday.

December 11 -"Religious Holidays--Hanukkah"

Pastor Allan will lead a discussion of this Jewish holiday.

December 18 -"Religious Holidays--Kwanza"

Pastor Allan will lead a discussion of this African- American holiday.

### 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 <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1465631>. 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. 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.***

## Stewardship Sunday November 13

**Sermon: *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate***

**Our Financial Leadership Team will share in giving the message today with Pastor Kris.**

**Watch for an all-church mailing inviting you to "Go and Do the Same" as we look at the parable of the good Samaritan and what it means to be faithful to God's ministry and mission at Union.**





### 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.**

Beaty (Beatrice) Kern Moyer was born on April 30, 1931 at home in Schnecksville. She has three brothers, Forest, Norwood, and Tom, and one sister, Madeline Kern Bingell. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Union UCC. Beaty met her husband, Harold Moyer, at South Whitehall High School. They married on December 17, 1949, and went on to have 2 children, Carol and Roger.

After high school Beaty worked at a bank for a brief time before working for the Parkland School District. Beaty worked in the cafeteria in the high school for one year, and then became the head cook at Ironton Elementary School, where she worked for over 30 years. Following retirement Beaty worked for Ross Flowers, delivering flowers all over the Lehigh Valley, becoming her family's GPS.

Beaty and her husband volunteered for countless weekends in the kitchen of the Tri Clover Fire Company, making many meals for fundraising events, and participating in the annual Fastnacht baking event.

Beaty loves to swim, a pleasure introduced to her by her grandfather. Beaty's grandfather, Nathaniel Stahley, built the

original "cement pond" which eventually became the Neffs pool. Beaty taught her children and the children of several friends how to swim, and she is proud to have saved another young girl from drowning in the Jordan Creek.

Prior to her illness Beaty also loved walking, camping and going to Canada. She loved to laugh and was very teasing.

Beaty and Harold "Pappy", followed their 2 grandsons' sporting events all up and down the east coast. Beaty most recently celebrated the wedding of her youngest grandson, Stephen.

Please feel free to send a card to Beaty at:

Beatrice Moyer  
4638 Sieger Road  
Orefield, PA 18069



## Golden Times

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

Our next gathering will be

**Tuesday, November 1st**

**12 noon – 1:30pm**

**FREE**

**Program:** Dramatic Presentation of the life of Eleanor Roosevelt played by Linda Kenyon.

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

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

**Bring a dessert to share.**

**Monthly Food Donation: Boxed Cereal**

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



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

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a Poinsettia Plant at the cost of \$8.25 for our church services during the Christmas Season, in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, should order using the order form below. **The deadline date for orders is Sunday, December 4, 2016.**

#### POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM 2016

- ☐ I would like to sponsor #\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) for a **HOMEBOUND MEMBER**.
- ☐ I would like to sponsor #\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) for **CHRISTMAS SERVICES** which I may pick up after 11PM church services on December 24th. I will pick up my Poinsettia(s) following the service. \_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

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

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

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

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

Please **print** your information on this form and place in the offering plate with your payment (checks payable to Union UCC) or mail to the church office (PO Box 66, Neffs, PA 18065-0066) **no later than Sunday, December 4, 2016.**

Join us for an Advent Celebration!

**When: December 4, 2016 After the 10:30 service**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Who: All ages are welcome!**

**What: Brunch, Christmas Carol Sing, Christmas Cookie Share**

Breakfast Casseroles: Baked French Toast, Italian with Sausage, Ham & Cheese; gluten free cereal, breads, muffins, fresh fruit, hot and cold beverages.

Please return this form **Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** or email the church office at [secretary@unionucc.org](mailto:secretary@unionucc.org).

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_\_\_\_

(sponsored by the Fellowship Committee)

Bring a batch of your favorite CHRISTMAS COOKIES to share.



### Sunday, November 6, 2016

25th Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Matthew 7:24-27

**Message:** Stepping Stone Saints

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

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

10:30 - Don Penrod

**Greeters:** Mark & Debbie Daluisio, Nancy Jones,  
Eric Minnich

**Acolytes:** 10:30AM - Karson Schaedel, Connor  
McCoy

### Sunday, November 20, 2016

Thanksgiving Sunday

**8:00am Heritage Service**

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

**Text:** I Thessalonians 5:12-28

**Message:** "Give Thanks in All Circumstances"

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

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

10:30 - Jim Ondrey

**Greeters:** Jeff & Marcey Kroll, Jim & Leanna Lane

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM -

### Sunday, November 13, 2016

26th Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Sunday/  
New Members

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Luke 10:25-37

**Message:** Not Your Parents' Offering Plate

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the message today with Pastor Kris.

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"Go and Do the Same" as we look at the parable of  
the good Samaritan and what it means to be faithful  
to God's ministry and mission at Union.

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

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

10:30 - SueAnn Hregician

**Greeters:** Doug & Angie Kuntz, SueAnn Hregician

**Acolytes:** 8AM - Brett Misera

10:30AM - Coral Shikov

### Sunday, November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent /Communion

**8:00am Heritage Service**

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

**Text:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Message:** "People Get Ready"

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

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

10:30 - Donna Christman

**Greeters:** Todd & Amy McCoy, Jane Schappell, Karen  
Wonderly

**Acolytes:** 8AM -

10:30AM - Connor McCoy, Riley Schlosser

Last year, the Union Board of Governors voted to discontinue  
Union Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

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United Church of Christ, Neffs as your charity.

## Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

**Every Sunday**

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



**Continues on Sundays after 8am and 10:30 Worship Ser-  
vices 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:**

November 6— Fellowship Committee

November 13— Stewardship Committee

November 20— Evangelism Committee

November 27— None



# 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>	\$89,992.00	\$16,434.00	\$65,621.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$99,880.00	\$9,677.00	\$106,426.00
<b>9-30-2016</b>	\$-244.00	\$25,510.00	\$25,266.00

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> 8AM 10:30AM		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sept. 4	57	97	CFW	154
Sept. 11	66	192	CFW	258
Sept. 18	70	131	36	237
Sept. 25	64	196	45	305

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**  
September 2015—1,136 September 2016— 954  
**AVG ATTENDANCE**  
September 2015—284 September 2016 - 239

## Memorials

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

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Keck	David & Jacquell Jaendl
Betty Neff	Sandra & George Hunsicker
David & Sally Shankweiler	Sherwood & Brenda Eckhart
Christina & Michael Gehringer	Maurice & Darlene Dimmick
Wayne & Bonnie Hathaway	Shirley M. O'Donnell

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

Carolyn George	Dawn Dengler
Anita Reider	Denise, Madison & Taylor Heller
Ronald & Carol Pope	Kathleen & Kristien Haas
Dorothy Best	Rick, Marsha, Sam & Joe Haas
Diane & Tony Pesola	

Dick Haas & Ingrid Fenstermaker	Joanne E. Gantz
Richard & Jill Schlosser	Martin J. Lower
Robert Dorshimer	Elinore J. Dorshimer
Beverly M. Perry	Cindy Snyder & Family
Betty Henry	Mark & Cynthia Vasilantone
Violet Baer	The Allwine Family
Charles & Linda Roeder	George Wolf Elementary
Wanda L. Fetherolf	School Staff
Mary Jane Sheckler	Gary & Judy Lentz
Karen M. Kern	Dennis & Linda Kolumber
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# November 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 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>2</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>7pm</b> Church & Ministry	<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Adult Bible study workshop <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Christian Ed Committee; Chime Choir	<b>4</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>5</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>7pm</b> FOLG, Fellowship	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Helping Hands <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>7pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>9</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>10</b> <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Chime Choir	<b>11</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>6pm</b> Hang-in Night
<b>14</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>7pm</b> Evangelism	<b>15</b> <b>9am</b> Staff Mtg <b>10am</b> Program Staff <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>7pm</b> Bible Study; Worship Committee <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>16</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>17</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Adult Bible study workshop <b>1pm</b> Property <b>6pm</b> Tai Chi <b>7pm</b> Chime Choir	<b>18</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin Prep <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>19</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit <b>6:45pm</b> Consistory	<b>22</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> Youth Choirs <b>7pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Unity Choir	<b>23</b> <b>9am</b> Bulletin prep <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilt <b>10am</b> Knitwits <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9am</b> Tai Chi <b>10am</b> Tai Chi <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit	<b>29</b> <b>9am</b> Newsletter Mailing <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>30</b> <b>9:30am</b> Busy Bee Quilt <b>10am</b> Knitwits <b>6pm</b> High School Choir <b>6:30pm</b> Spiritually Fit			
SUNDAYS					
<b>6 All Saints/Veterans Honored</b> <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Confirmation New Members Tech Committee  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds OxFam Event	<b>13 Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>8am</b> Heritage Service  <b>9:15 - 10:15 am</b> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers New Members  <b>10:30am</b> Horizon Service/Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds Pre-baptism	<b>20 New Members</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/Baptism/Children's Church  <b>11:30am</b> Holy Grounds  <b>3pm</b> Installation Service	<b>27 Communion</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		