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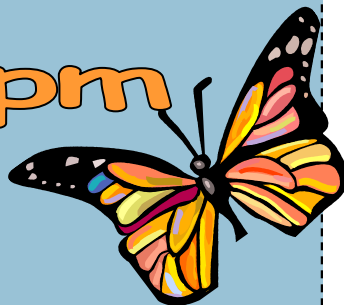
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May 6th
9-2pm



Flea Market · Delicious Food · Book Sale



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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-610-767-6961
(secretary@unionucc.org)**



From the Interim Pastor

“Why Church?”

I once had a confirmand (not at Union UCC) ask me, “Why do adults go to church at all?” I was used to people asking me about God and Jesus and the Bible, but here was a sincere young person, asking me the most fundamental question of all. And he wasn’t looking for a religious answer. He just wanted a good, practical answer to his question.

So I thought for a few moments and answered, “Well, I believe that the love of God is the most powerful force in the world; and I believe that Jesus teaches us about love better than anyone else; and church is the best place to learn about Jesus. That’s why I go to church.”

The young man thanked me for my answer, got confirmed, and hasn’t been back to church since his confirmation. So much for a good answer!

I’ve thought a lot about why people go to church since I’ve come to Union UCC as your Interim Assistant Pastor. Many of you have shared your answers to this question through our Stewardship Moments during Sunday worship. You have been a true inspiration to me and to one another.

As I begin my last month as your Interim Assistant Pastor, I want to thank all of you for renewing my faith and helping me discover the value of a vibrant, dynamic congregational life. You have blessed me more than you will ever know. Thank you.

Pastor Allan

Consistory Minutes

By Susan Neal, subject to approval

President Brad Hackett called the monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting to order on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:47 p.m.

The Treasurer’s Report and the March – April 2017 bills were presented and approved.

Jeff Herbine shared a review of the The Funds of Lasting Gifts Endowment Policy Statement (EPS) and a summary of the proposed changes to this Policy, which will be voted on by Consistory in May.

Phil Wehr presented the Budget Proposal on behalf of the Financial Leadership Team.

Dave Fleming presented an Associate Pastor Search Committee Update.

reports were bypassed this meeting due to time constraints.

June 4th- Next Communion Service Pastor’s Reports:

Pastor Kris- Thank you to everyone who helped make Easter Sunday Services a success. Confirmation interviews to take place on April 30 and May 7, both at 9:15 a.m.

New members session will be held June 11th at 9:15 a.m. for one session only, new members will be received on June 18th, during the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Next Consistory Meeting- May 15 at 6:45 p.m.

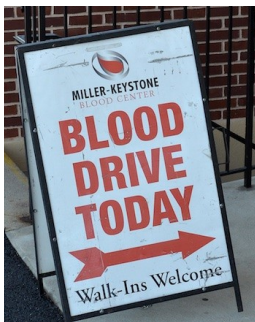
ALL Standing Committee and Other Committee

Mission Committee

Pint for Pint Results

By Susan Smith

The Second Pint for Pint Blood Drive and Soup Sale Event held on March 19 was a success again this year! We met Miller-Keystone Blood Center's goal of 32 pints of precious blood for use in the 21 community hospitals. Thirty-six brave and caring donors registered for the 5 hour event, resulting in 33 collected pints. The soup sales brought in \$600 which was donated to the blood center as well. As was done last year, soup was given to every registered blood donor, as well as all the Miller-Keystone volunteers. All the soup recipients were grateful for the 20 cooks that made such wonderful soups and chilis. Many, many thanks to all that donated blood, attempted to donate blood, and all that cooked and donated soups! The Mission Committee is happy to continue providing Union UCC members and friends with the opportunity to donate life-saving blood products for patients served by area hospitals. We will be adding an additional blood drive with Miller-Keystone Blood Center this fall. Stay tuned for details.



Mark your Calendars: Pastor Allan's Last Sunday is June 4th

Pastor Allan has graciously served here with us for 2 ½ years during this interim time. He has been a wonderful pastor, colleague, servant and leader among us. We have been blessed by his presence and ministry. He has decided that he'd like to return to retirement and that his last Sunday with us will be June 4th.

Please plan to attend worship that day. He'll be preaching and we'll share in Holy Communion at both 8am and 10:30am worship. After each service there will be a time to greet him during the coffee hour where we'll have extra snacks and refreshments.

If you'd like to send a card and/or gift to thank him, please make your check out to "Union UCC" and place it in the Church and Ministry mailbox here at church or mail to: Teresa Dalrymple at 7902 Autumn Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

A combined gift from the church will be given to Phoebe Home in his name.



Clothing Collection

By Deb Wenner

Honor your Mother & Father, for they have provided you with a "Strong Foundation."

This year the Mission Committee will be collecting new undergarments for women & men in need. We will be doing this in conjunction with Mother's Day & Father's Day.

The month of May we will collect bras, panties, & socks for women. Then, in June, we will collect men's underwear & socks. All sizes are needed, but they must be new & unworn.

Undergarments will be distributed to local shelters. Let's provide a "Strong Foundation" for our neighbors in need.



Where School Memories Begin

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to enter May and the final month of our school year. Our students will be learning about Fables and Fairy Tales, as well as "Getting Ready for Kindergarten." We will also be discussing summer safety as the kids get ready to take what they have learned into the great outdoors over the summer. We will wrap up our year with closing ceremonies and a graduation celebration for those students moving on to kindergarten. We have truly enjoyed our time with each and every student this year, and will look forward to the students' return in September.

WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

Registration is in full swing for the 2017-2018 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

Blues Nite Out

Winter Blues got you down? Well an early spring will be a quick cure. Then start thinking about Blues Nite Out this summer. Mark your calendars now - **Friday August 25 with the Bryant Brothers and Saturday August 26 starting with Bev Conklin** making a return performance in the grove, with BC's Combo Band, then headliner and local favorite, The **Sarah Ayers Band**.

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



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!



Budget News

At our **semi-annual meeting on June 11th after 10:30 worship**, we will review the budget for our church's ministry and mission for July 2017-June 2018.

To prepare for that meeting, the Financial Leadership Team is hosting a time for questions and discussion on **Sunday, May 14th at 9:15am in Memorial Hall (Coffee Hour room)**.



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



May 7 Animal Crackers
May 14 1 Peter 2:2-10
May 21, 28 Church Family
Worship

SUMMER VIDEO SERIES

We are currently looking for volunteers to lead the summer video series. We will begin June 4 and continue through Aug. 27. We do not show a video on Outdoor Worship Sundays.

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

A sign up sheet is on Kathy Bonsell's door. We need two adults each Sunday. Find a friend and enjoy some time with our children!

Sunday School News

Our last day for Sunday School this school year is MAY 21st.

Congratulations to **LILLIE EBERLY, EMMA MILANDER, and CLAIRE PUJA** for celebrating their **FIRST COMMUNION!**



Summer Camp Opportunities

The Hartman Center in Milroy, PA offers wonderful summer camping adventures for campers of all ages, including men, women and families. Check out the many opportunities at www.hartmancenter.com. Camp brochures are available in the church office.

2016 COIN EXCHANGE

The children will receive coin exchange order forms in Sunday School and Children's Church after Easter. The coins can be exchanged for gift certificates, ranging from \$1 to \$10. Please return your order form by May 14th.



VBS 2017 June 26-30 REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MAY 14!

Forms are available in the church office and in the foyer.

2017 CREW: We are still looking for helpers of all kinds. We need age-level leaders and helpers, recreation help, "crafters", nursery attendants, and youth helpers (8th grade and older). Please fill out a volunteer form. All helpers need Safe Child Clearances.

DESIGN LAB—Help with this year's VBS decorations on MAY 2 and MAY 16, 10am-2pm. We will meet in Room 5. Bring your lunch!

ADULT Bible Study WORKSHOP

Study scripture and enhance your understanding of the verses with design and color. We begin with Bible Journaling videos and together we will share ideas and techniques. Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies. Our May dates are May 11 and May 25, 9:30-11, in Room 5.



MISSION UPDATES



•HEIFER PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who reached into their pockets or purses and pulled out silver coins to put into in our animal banks. Thank you to all of our Children's Church and Sunday School children who fed the duck (or the pig or the cow or the lamb). We are still counting all the coins. We'll let you know next month our grand total!

Youth Group News Grades 6-12

For more information contact:

Pastor Kris pastorkris@unionucc.org 610-657-6007 Cell

Or Dave DiPaolantonio at 610-349-9162 and youthgroup@unionucc.org.

Facebook: Union UCC Youth Group [www.unionucc.org/Ministries/Youth Group](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).

SHOUT OUT



Our Philly Mission Trip

Members of our youth group had an exciting, fun and spiritually fulfilling weekend in Philadelphia on a mission trip. We stayed at the Old First UCC church. Part of their mission is allowing men to sleep in their church from 6pm-6am each day and provide them a meal(s). We got to speak to them and also made bagged lunches for all of them to take with them when they left. In addition we went to a wonderful mission called Chosen 300. They had a wonderfully different worship service, after which

we helped to serve food to over 150 people, many of which ate 2 or 3 meals until the food ran out. Pastor Waddell was wonderful in thanking us for our service. We also got to go to the Wissahickon Park and assist with their beautification project. We helped to remove select trees, brush, and trash that had been in the wooded areas which they are trying to maintain and repair. On Sunday we worshipped at Old First and even assisted in the service. **Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts, The Thomas Family, in memory of Owen Thomas and The Bachman family in memory of Donald Bachman for making this trip possible.** It felt good to be able to make an impact in so many people's lives. We are truly blessed

Saturday, May 6 Country Sale 9am-2pm

Sell Rootbeer Floats, Walking Tacos and Pretzels, Sign up to help, come shop and eat!

ENDS MAY 21

Sunday Mornings
9:15-10:15 AM

THE MUNCH BUNCH

(6th & 7th grade 2nd Floor Room 203)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(8th grade Youth Room) Confirmants can go to The Breakfast Club when there is no class.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

(9th- 12th grade Room 4 Basement)

Sunday, May 21 Confirmation Day at 10:30 Worship

Sunday, June 18 2nd Confirmation Day at 10:30 Worship

Sunday, June 4 Graduate Sunday

We will celebrate our grads at both services. Graduates of high school and college please send Tara your information (Name, School, future plans) at secretary@unionucc.org.



Watch for the summer calendar! Hang Out nights in the grove, Biking and Canoe day trip, Knoebel's, Car Wash, and more!

Property Committee

by Phil Wehr

All good things must come to an end, or so the saying goes. Well, this is the case with the current food stand in the church grove. After serving two churches and the former Union Church Sunday School for over 60 years, the food stand is nearing the end of its life. This summer will be the finale season for us to utilize the food stand, and it has served us well for these past decades. While the food stand may leave, the memories will last for years to come.

Here is the good news. Once the old stand is torn down, a new food stand will rise up to take its place. After a lengthy time of review and thought, a new, enlarged food stand was designed. With input from the Property and Fellowship Committees and other members, a revised plan was then approved by the consistory. Gone will be the head hitting wooden doors, gone will be the decades old freezer, gone will be the crumbling floor and foundation, gone will be the tight aisles for people to pass.

Coming soon will be roll up doors at the serving windows, a new freezer, wider aisles and working spaces, large outside overhangs, concrete exterior sidewalks, more storage space, and a working sink with drain tank. The outside design of the new food stand will compliment the existing stage and picnic pavilions, and will complete the puzzle of grove upgrades and improvements which began back in 2008..



Associate Search Committee Update

At April's Consistory meeting the job description and financial package for the Associate Pastor was approved. We began to advertise the position on the UCC Ministerial Openings page and have been working with Rev. Alan Miller from the Penn Northeast Conference to kick off the interview process. Please continue to keep the committee and the process in your prayers.

Pastor Kris and Dave Fleming, Co-Chairs Search Committee: David Fleming, Donna Christman, Aften Hamma, Ardith Kuhns, Sue Ondrey, Carrington Smith, Phil Wehr, Teresa Dalrymple, Natalie Ondrey, Mollie Jarrett, Jason Klinger, Ashley and Ben Anderson, Pastor Kris.

Director of Music Search Committee Update

As we shared last month, Mike Baer has offered his resignation as our Director of Music. He's agreed to help us through this season. His last Sunday and our Sunday to thank him will be on **June 25th**. Watch for more information in the bulletin and newsletter for details.

The following people have been approved to serve on the search committee: **Sue Ondrey, Teresa Dalrymple, Donna Christman, Dave DiPaolantonio, Judy Stubbmann, and Pastor Kris.**

We will share more information about our progress soon. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Madeline Bingell,
Eunice Diehl,
Teresa Dalrymple, Larry
Frantz,
Phyllis Hamm, Judy
Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron
Kleckner, Linda Migliori,
Sue Ondrey, Barbara
Panner, Joanne Pokorny,
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: June 4
at 10:30am
Worship**



Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church \$3,100!!!

You helped the church raise \$3,100 this year with your donations of clothing and household items.

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets, be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove.

The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags. NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.

Another way to give and support the mission and ministry of Union UCC. Thank you.

WAYS TO GIVE and SUPPORT UNION UCC'S Ministry and Mission

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card Go to **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. 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.

June 17 - Iron Pigs Night Out

We have reserved a block of seats at Coca Cola Park for our church family on Saturday, June 17. (Seats are on the 3rd base side so we won't have the sun in our eyes.)

Game begins at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$11 (includes \$2 food voucher).

Reserve your seats ASAP by contacting the church office or texting John Snyder-Samuelson at 484-809-3815.



Natalie Ondrey is our Catch the Spirit recipient for May. She was nominated by the Fellowship Committee. She will be recognized May 28, 2017 at 10:30am worship.

Natalie lives with her parents, Sue and Jim, who are both actively involved with various committees at the church. Sister Jen, is at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and was also involved with a lot of youth group and other activities here when she was in high school. Natalie shares her love of music through her involvement with numerous ensembles in church and elsewhere. She is in the high school choir and unity choir, and sometimes sing solos and duets with Jen at church. Other interests Natalie enjoys are theatre, running, and soccer.

Natalie originally attended Union Lutheran with her family and attended VBS here at Union UCC. Her family made the decision to change churches and become members of Union UCC when she was still in elementary school. Natalie is our Sunday set up person-who opens the church early on Sundays and prepares for Coffee Hour throughout the morning. She has also a member of the associate pastoral search committee, youth group advisory team, and youth intern, all in addition to the her choir involvement.

"Through a tumultuous faith journey, I always felt accepted and safe at Union UCC. The church gives me purpose, direction, support, and a beautiful place to be on Sunday mornings. I've made friends in youth group, grown to love music with all of my exposure to hymns and different worship genres, and learned to love God unapologetically."

Her favorite church memories are all of the church sleepovers, especially the confirmation retreats and annual Sleepout for Homelessness. Natalie loves her church because, "I feel comfortable at Union UCC in a way that I've never felt anywhere else. I am connected to God and those around me, and always leave spiritually full, no matter how "hungry" I was when I arrived that morning. I am constantly inspired by friends (young and old) sermons, music, and even the amazing architecture here. I know that however I'm feeling, or wherever I am on my life journey, I am welcome."

Thank you Natalie and we wish the all best after high school graduation this year!

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.

Home Visitation Members Birthdays

Geraldine M. Schafer—May 4

Above and Beyond
2232 29th St.
Allentown, PA 18103

Terrance Rohr—May 8

4952 Hoffmansville Rd
Orefield PA 18069



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday 7-8:30PM
room 5.

We are studying the four
Gospels starting with John.
You are invited to come learn
new things and grow in faith.
Led by Jay Lenhouse.



Adult Study

Friday Morning Adult Class

9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement)

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

May 5, May 12 with Pastor Kris ; May 19 with Pastor Allan

We'll be watching the movie, *A Man Called Ove*. Meet a grumpy old man whose new neighbors, a young and energetic family, will challenge his understandings and change his life. In their relationships we'll look at how to build community and celebrate cultural diversity.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

April 30 Foundations of Judaism—Pastor Allan will present and lead a discussion about the origins and basic beliefs of early Judaism.

May 7 Movements in Rabbinic Judaism—Pastor Allan will present and lead a discussion about contemporary Jewish movements, including Chasidism, Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed and Reconstructionist Judaism.

May 14 Muhammad, Prophet of Islam—

Pastor Allan will present and lead a discussion about the life and teachings of Muhammad.

May 21 The Quran and the Five Pillars of Islam

Pastor Allan will present and lead a discussion about Islam.



Book Club

Next meeting May 16, 6:30pm, Memory Room. We will be reading The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. "They gave all they had to save all they could". Led by Kathi Charles 610-462-5551, ka-c4b@hotmail.com.

Remembering Those Who Served

Please help us collect the names of those who lost their lives while serving their country. We will collect names separately for all veterans for Veterans Day in November. We will make a display board as well as recognize these individuals on **Memorial Day worship at 8:00 & 10:30 services (May 28th)**. Please complete the following info and ***submit it to the church office by May 21.***

Rank/Title and Name: _____

Branch of the Military: _____

Died during which Conflict: _____

Date of Death _____

Special Honors: _____



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 a gathering on **June 11th at 9:15am-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, June 18th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service**. Contact Pastor Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org if you have questions or contact the church office to sign up with Tara at 610-767-6961 or secretary@unionucc.org.

Men's Fellowship Annual Grove Cleanup

**Saturday, May 13
9:00 am – Noon**

Men of the church are invited to join us for our Annual Grove Cleanup on Saturday, May 13. Meet at the pavilion at 9:00 am for assignments. Following our work assignments, we'll share some pizza and sodas for lunch. RSVP to Phil Wehr or Pastor Allan.



Golden Times

For those wise in years and young at heart.

Our next gathering will be
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Program: Lois Heffner &
Good Vibrations Choir

Homemade soup and sandwiches are served for lunch.
Programs offered are fun, informative and entertaining.

Bring a dessert to share.
12 noon – 1:30pm
FREE

Monthly Food Donation:
Condiments

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

Coming June 6, 2017 "The History of Quilting" with our own Janet Creitz



Janet Bachman was born at home in Fogelsville on December 31, 1930, making her father very happy, because her arrival gave him another tax deduction (in addition to a wonderful daughter!) Janet grew up with one sister and one brother in Fogelsville. She was baptized, confirmed and married at St. John's Reformed Church (now UCC) in Fogelsville.

Janet attended nursing school at Haff Hospital in Northampton. After graduation Dr. Haff asked Janet to continue at the Haff Hospital. Janet worked as a nurse primarily on the maternity ward for two years following graduation. After Donald and Janet were married, Donald wanted Janet to learn how to help on the farm, so Janet put her nursing career on hold. In 1980, when Janet was 50 years old, she went back to work as a nurse for 11 years in the Miller Building at Phoebe Home. Janet and Donald's daughter, Jayne, began her career in nursing as a candy striper at the old Osteopathic Hospital in Allentown, now part of St. Luke's Hospital. Jayne graduated from the nursing program at Lehigh Carbon Community College in 1991 and went on to work at Cedarbrook Nursing Home for 15 years as a certified nurse's aide and for 24 years as a nurse. After retirement, Jayne has become a private nurse for her parents.

Janet met Donald Bachman at a square dance at the Fire Hall in Fogelsville while in nursing school. Janet was very impressed with Donald's square dancing skills. Donald was equally impressed with Janet and wanted to take her home that

evening. However, Janet's father said no. That didn't stop Donald, as he asked Janet for a date the very next day. Their courtship led to marriage on July 11, 1953. Donald and Janet had five children, Donald, Jr., David, Douglas, Jayne and Daniel. They bought a farm on Copeechan Road in 1962. There they raised chickens for eggs, potatoes, corn, wheat and soybeans. After working on the farm for 45 years Janet and Donald sold their farm in 2007.

Donald was baptized and confirmed at Union UCC, so Janet became a member of Union UCC following her marriage. She and Donald were very active members of Union UCC. They raised their children in the church and both sang on the choir.

Janet and Donald moved into Fellowship Community in April 2016. They were married 63 years when Donald died in December, 2016. They have 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

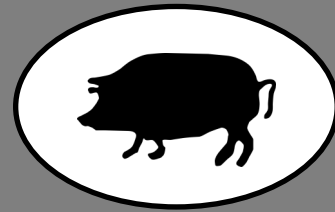
Janet would love to hear from you. Please send all correspondence to her at:

Janet Bachman
Fellowship Terrace, Room 253
3020 Fellowship Drive
Whitehall, PA 18052



PIG OUT at Union UCC's
BACKYARD BBQ BASH

Saturday, June 10, 2017



Scott Marshall and Marshall's Highway

Winner of 12 Lehigh Valley Music Awards, 5 :30-8:30

Music sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home

Lorah's Pig Roast and Chicken Dinners
plus our own delicious sides and desserts (starts at 3:30)
FREE Admission!

FOOD and RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

**May 7, 14, 21 and June 4
and at THE EVENT**

CHICKEN and PORK DINNERS

\$10 meal (includes fries coleslaw and drink)

BBQ RAFFLE (AWESOME prizes!) \$5 each or 3 for \$10

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 8 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**

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 for forms and room availability. Thank You!



Sunday, May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism

Text: Matthew 5:1-11

Message: A Sermon Like No Other

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer

Lay Readers: 8:00— Michael Roth

10:30 - Donna Christman

Greeters: Dave and Karen Fleming

Acolytes: 8:00AM—

10:30AM - Connor McCoy, Kaden Haley

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Day/Acolyte Recognition

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Church Family Worship

Text: Acts 17:22-31

Message: The Whole World In His Hands

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Lucille Kuhns

10:30 - Dan Topp

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

Acolytes: 8:00AM —

10:30AM - Riley Schlosser, Karson Schaedel

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Texts: Luke 10: 38-42 and Matthew 6: 25-34

Message: You are worried about many things...

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - SueAnn Hregician

Greeters: SueAnn Hregician, Haley Family

Acolytes: 8:00AM —

10:30AM-Karson Schaedel

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Memorial Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Psalm 150:1-5

Message: The Story Behind Our Favorite Hymns

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Carol Pope

10:30 - Carol Pope

Greeters: Ruth Ensley

Acolytes: 8:00AM —

10:30AM - Graham Smith

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:

May 7—Welcoming Committee

May 14—Men's Group

Thank you to the committees and 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.

Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
7-1-2016	\$ 9,644.00	\$18,753.00	\$28,397.00
Income	\$342,235.00	\$40,889.00	\$383,124.00
Expenses	\$311,350.00	\$33,679.00	\$345,029.00
3-31-2017	\$40,529.00	\$25,963.00	\$66,492.00

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>
March 1 Ash Wed			43
March 5	74	251	CFW 325
March 12	94	175	35 304
March 19	63	210	37 310
March 26	67	144	31 242

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
 March 2016—1,969 March 2017— 1,224
AVG ATTENDANCE
 March 2016—440 March 2017 - 295

Deaths

Dorothy A. Rabert passed away on March 26, 2017 and was laid to rest on March 29, 2017.

Jennie I. (Bowers) Hunisker who passed away on April 14, 2017 and was laid to rest on April 19, 2017.

Memorials

The following donations were received into the Memorial Fund in memory of Benjamin F Hess:

Ronald & LaRue Roth	Dale & Marlene Blose
Diane Zeiser	Wally & Eleanor Smith
Doneta J. Merkle	
Wayne M. Hoffman	
Susan M. Hoffman	
Marlene Hoffman & Family	

The following donations were received into the Memorial Fund in memory of Dorothy A. Rabert:

Phil & Julie Wehr	David & Carol Moll
Eunice M. Diehl	Dean & Diane Schaller
Barbara J. Panner	Marilyn Sechler
Busy Bee Quilters	Jessie and Julie Hanford
Donna E. Christman	
Richard & Patricia Stewart	
Carolyn George	
Stanley & Jean Wieand	
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Mike Baer	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30

May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>9:30am</u> Advanced Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> Fellowship; FOLG	2 <u>12pm</u> Golden Times <u>6pm</u> Cherub Choir <u>6:30</u> Junior Choir <u>7pm</u> Middler Choir; Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	3 <u>930am</u> Int. Tai Chi <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6pm</u> High School Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> Church & Ministry	4 <u>7pm</u> Chime Choir; Christian Ed	5 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Bible Study	6 <u>9am</u> -Country Sale
8 <u>9:30am</u> Advanced Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> Evangelism	9 <u>9:15am</u> Staff Mtg <u>10:30am</u> Program Staff <u>6pm</u> Cherub Choir <u>6:30</u> Junior Choir <u>7pm</u> Middler Choir; Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	10 <u>930am</u> Int. Tai Chi <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits;Preschool Board <u>6pm</u> High School Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	11 <u>9:30am</u> Bible Journaling <u>1pm</u> Property <u>7pm</u> Chime Choir	12 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEAD-LINE	13 <u>9am</u> Men's Clean-up
15 <u>9:30am</u> Advanced Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>6:45 pm</u> Consistory	16 <u>1pm</u> Bazaar bunch <u>6-7:30pm</u> Youth Choirs <u>6:30 pm</u> Book Club <u>7pm</u> Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	17 <u>930am</u> Int. Tai Chi <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6pm</u> High School Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> FLT	18 <u>6pm</u> Tai Chi	19 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Bible Study	20
22 <u>9:30am</u> Advanced Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	23 <u>9:15am</u> Staff Mtg <u>10:30am</u> Program Staff <u>7pm</u> Bible Study	24 <u>930am</u> Int. Tai Chi <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	25 <u>9:30am</u> Bible Journaling <u>6pm</u> Tai Chi	26 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Bible Study	27
29 <u>9:30am</u> Advanced Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	30 <u>9am</u> Newsletter <u>7pm</u> Bible Study	31 <u>930am</u> Int. Tai Chi <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit			29
SUNDAYS					
7 <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/Children's Church/baptism <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	14 Mother's Day <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers Congregational Budget Meeting <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/Children's Church <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	21 Confirmation Day <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds Education Hour Bible Study Horizon Singers <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/Church Family Worship <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	28 <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds		