

HONORING THE PAST * CELEBRATING THE PRESENT *
BUILDING THE FUTURE

Church Family Picnic—Aug. 13

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

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

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

Bingo ♦ Cake Walk

Annual Softball Game

Bring your baseball bats, gloves and balls

Games for all ages

Raffle Drawing

*~The picnic will be moved to Fellowship Hall if the
weather does not permit us to be outside.~*

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Donations of cakes, cantaloupes, watermelons, and anything you feel is appropriate for a cake walk will be gratefully received. (Please tell the person or label the item for the cake walk.) Prizes for bingo are also needed. **If you'd like to help** with setting up, bingo calling, the cake-walk or anything else, call Maria Beltz 610-554-8327 or Veronica Fabian 610-573-0112.



Basket Social Wed. Oct. 4th.

Doors open at 5:30 pm, drawing at 7 p.m. \$5 for a sheet of 25 tickets OR 5 sheets for \$20.

If you donate a basket (or gift certificate) by Sept. 1st, you get an extra sheet of tickets FREE.

Baskets or gift certificates must be at least a \$10 value or more.



Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

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

From the Retired Interim Pastor

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you for the retirement celebration on June 4. Thank you to the congregation, the worship participants, and all those who prepared the reception following the service.

Thanks for the many cards and gifts that I have received from you acknowledging my ministry at Union UCC. Special thanks for the congregation's \$1,065 contribution to the Phoebe Ministries Clinical Pastoral Care Education program, a program that trains seminary students and pastors in the practice of pastoral care.

Most of all, thanks for all the memories that I carry with me from our time together. What a blessing watching you, Pastor Kris and all the church leaders manifest the love of God through the mission and ministry of the church. You truly are the greatest gift of all.

May you be as blessed in your future as I have been blessed in my time with you.

Pastor Allan



God's Garden Gifts

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

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, June 19, 2017, by President Brad Hackett.

The Treasurer's Report and the May – June 2017 bills were presented and approved.

Mission Committee reported that the Strong Foundation mission is ongoing. They have researched a mission project called Family Promise, which benefits homeless families and houses them for one week/four times a year. 14 Lehigh County churches are needed to participate and Consistory passed a motion for Union UCC to become a participating church.

Welcoming Committee will be hosting the Make Your Own Sundae Sunday on June 25.

Stewardship Committee took time to detail the yearly work and brainstorm stewardship moments from the team for next year.

Worship Committee reported on upcoming worship opportunities: June 25 is outdoor worship with a celebration of Mike Baer's service and special music by Sarah Ayers sponsored by Phil and Julie Wehr. Additional opportunities include American Heritage Sunday on July 2; outdoor worship with Blessing of the Animals on July 16; our own Susan Glosan as a guest preacher on July 23; a Healing Service and Communion by Pastor Tom Thomas on August 6; outdoor worship and the

church family picnic on August 13, and Geoff Brace on August 20, guest preacher and lay reader in the PNEC.

Fellowship Committee reported that the reception held for Pastor Allan was very successful and the committee will be hosting the Church picnic in August.

Christian Education Committee reported that there will be another hoagie fundraiser in fall. Education classes have finished for the year and Vacation Bible School planning is currently underway.

Church and Ministry Committee reported that Becky Ensley, a recent seminary graduate will be shadowing Rev. Patience on hospital, home and nursing home visits. Becky will be preaching on June 25th. Aften Hamm has been appointed to the Committee and Donna Christman will be taking over as Committee Chair for David Fleming.

Property and Maintenance Committee reported that the annual check-up of the air conditioning was done, the oil burner was cleaned and the oil tank was filled. 5,020 gallons of oil was used and there is a credit of \$1,100 for next year. A permit was obtained for construction of the new food stand. A quote for replacing copper gutters for Memorial Hall has been received.

The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, August 21, in Room 101.

A mission update of Church World Service.

For years, Union UCC has supported Blanket Sunday and the Crop Walk, which are programs organized by Church World Service (CWS), and last year we supported their kits program by making school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets. Here is an update of their activities.

CWS celebrated 70 years of service this past year. For seven decades they worked with one goal: building a world where there is enough for all. They affirm the power of individuals and communities to take ownership of their future. They meet individuals and families around the globe, helping to rebuild after a disaster, create a solution for a better life, provide nutrition and better hygiene to many.

In 2016, CWS was able to make a difference in tens of thousands of lives in more than 30 countries, including the United States, and locally in our state of Pennsylvania. In 2016, CWS distributed a combination of 237,659 blankets and kits (school, hygiene, cleanup, and baby) around the world. In the US, they distributed 40,000 hygiene kits, 31,000 school kits, 15,000 cleanup buckets, and 3,000 blankets.

The President and CEO of Church World Service states in his annual message :

“Church World Service is addressing changing weather conditions and malnutrition: accountability in humanitarian response: water provision, environmental stewardship; and community planning and resource management. We are responding by celebrating and building a future for the world’s children: children with incarcerated parents; children whom we find in domestic servitude or caught in the net of trafficking; children who don’t have a home, or a meal, or a peace of mind.”

Our support of the missions of Church World Service is truly making a difference in the lives of others around the globe. Thank you to all for your past and future support of CWS’s mission.

Jesus is Everywhere this Summer! Get your Flat Jesus now!

We’re using an idea that other churches have been doing during the summer called **Flat Jesus**. Flat Jesus is a paper doll traveling throughout Neffs and the world this summer courtesy of Union UCC. The original “flat” character was **Flat Stanley**, star of a book by Jeff Brown in which a boy has remarkable adventures after waking up one day to discover he is flattened and is able to be mailed to different places.

Flat Jesus is a way to keep our church family connected during the summer. Take him wherever you go (at home, at work, gardening, camp, a family reunion, vacation, church) and take a picture with him and text it to Kathy Bonsell at 610-509-3324 with your name and describing where you are. You can also post your picture on the **Union UCC facebook page** at: www.facebook.com/unionneffs Or you can print a picture and bring it to church for a **bulletin board**.

We’ll be handing Flat Jesus cut outs on Sundays in June and throughout the summer. Or you can find one on our website at: www.unionucc.org

It’s a great way to share our summer with each other and to help us remember that Jesus is always with us wherever we go.



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

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

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

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



Where School Memories Begin

Congratulations to all of our Preschool graduates and students who moved up! We had a wonderful time celebrating our students and families. While we are excited for them to continue on their educational journey, we are sad to see them leave; the Preschool halls are too quiet without the energy the students bring each day. The Preschool staff have begun preparations for next school year tweaking the curriculum and adding new activities. In addition, we are preparing for our annual **Preschool in the Park day on Friday, August 18th from 9:30-11:30**. This event is for all registered preschool students as well as families interested in checking out our program for the 2017-2018 school year. Children must be 3-5 years old. If you are interested, you may RSVP to preschool@unionucc.org by August 8th. If you know someone looking for a Preschool, we appreciate word of mouth recommendations. Information can be found on our website at www.unionucc.org/preschool.



Blues Nite Out

Summer is here, time to get outside and enjoy Union UCC's grove, enjoy music, enjoy food, enjoy fellowship, just enjoy life. So start thinking about Blues Nite Out this

August. Mark your calendars now - **Friday August 25 for a fun**

night with the Bryant Brothers at 7:00 pm and **Saturday August 26 starting with Bev Conklin**, who will be making a return performance in the grove, with BC's Combo Band at 4:00 pm, then headliner and local favorite, **The Sarah Ayers Band at 7:00 pm**. Always two great nights of music for all to enjoy.

Get ready for turkey BBQ, pulled pork BBQ, sausage sandwiches, shrimp delight, homemade deserts, and of course Friendly's Ice Cream.

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

Saturday August 26 will be the final call for being served at the current food stand. Who will get the last hot dog? Who will buy the last piece of dessert? Who will be the last to have their ice cream dipped from the old freezer? I know who will turn the lights out, stay tuned . . .



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.

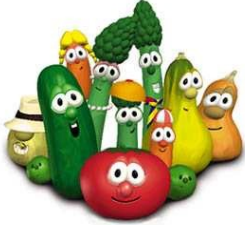
Busy Bees are selling quilts! Stop by on a Wednesday or contact Janet Creitz to find out how you can own your own Busy Bee Quilt!





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

SUMMER VIDEO SERIES



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

Attention Parents: We still need additional volunteers to help with this program to comply with our Safe Child Policy. The sign up sheet is on Kathy Bonsell's office door. Find a friend and enjoy some time with our children!

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!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL...are officially on vacation until **September 10th** (mark your calendar). Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Wanted: Children's Church volunteers for the 2017-2018 session. Sign up with your family or your friends. Share your faith with our children. Sign up sheets are located on Kathy Bonsell's door. Please contact Kathy if you have any questions (610-434-1169 or dired@unionucc.org).

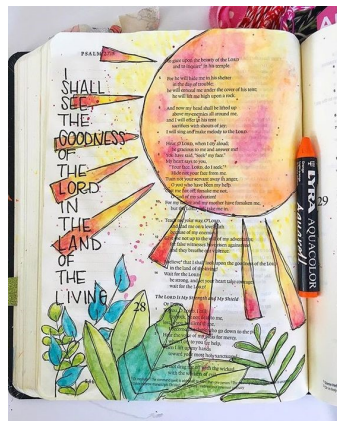


JOIN the CE COMMITTEE!

Here are some of the things we are working on for the fall.

- HOAGIE SALE
- TRUNK OR TREAT
- CHURCH WORKSHOPS
October—Thankful Tree
December—Advent Calendar
- BIRTHDAY CARDS for our littlest members and children at Bethany Home.
- ADVENT BASKETS (mission project)

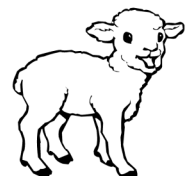
WHAT'S IN YOUR BIBLE?



Check out the display in the foyer... of our Bible Journaling creations over the past year.

Bible Journaling will be taking a summer vacation, also. We will start up again in September. There has been some interest in an evening session. If you are interested in this, please let Kathy know, so she can start planning.

Summer Nursery: The Little Lambs Nursery will be unstaffed for the summer. Parents/caregivers are welcome to use the room during the 10:30 service. The service is broadcast into the nursery room. We would appreciate it if you would clean up the toys before you leave. Marianne Ulrich, our nursery attendant volunteer, will be on vacation and resting up for next year! She will return on Sept. 10th and need a partner every Sunday for the 2017-2018 session.



Youth Group News Grades 6-12

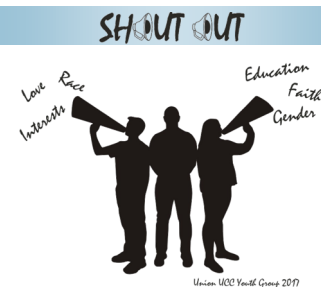
For more information contact:

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).



Hang Out Nights Tuesdays July 11th, July 25th, August 8th, August 22nd

6pm-9pm in the grove (weather permitting or we will move inside)

Games: Volleyball, Kickball, Flag Football, Ping Pong, Candy Bingo, Board games

Food and Drinks: Rita's, BBQ, Root Beer Floats, Pizza, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snacks

Come and join your church friends on a Tuesday night for some summer fun. Bring other games you would like to play or **contact Dave to help plan activities. Parents, we'll need your help as chaperones.** Your friends are also invited to attend. Cost is FREE.

Bike and Canoe trip through the Wildlands Conservancy Sunday August 6th 2017

Leave Neffs Church 12:30pm, Arrive in Bethlehem @ 1pm

This trip is intergenerational and open to all church youth and adults (Minimum age is 10). We start at Sand Island in Bethlehem where you ride their bikes down the river bike path to Canal Park in Allentown. We stop along the way to eat your packed lunch that you bring. We continue down the Lehigh River by canoe. Enjoy some great exercise, leisurely riding and canoeing with your church family. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Everyone must prepay to attend this event. **We must have your RSVP and payment (payable to Union UCC youth group) as soon as possible, no later than Sunday July 30th.** Cost - \$35 per person (space is limited) For more information please visit <http://www.wildlandspa.org/education-and-recreation/bike-boat-adventures>

Day trip to Knoebels Amusement Park Spend an entire day at Knoebels for some fun.

Friday August 18th 2017 9:30am - 10:30pm

Leave Church @ 9:30am, Arrive @ 11am, Leave @ 9:00pm, Back to Church @ 10:30pm

Multiple adult drivers will be needed, Youth Group will pay for your ticket or toward your gas.

Cost - All day ride pass (above 48") includes roller coasters \$42 per person (pre-paid)

All day ride pass (above 48") without roller coasters \$34 per person (pre-paid)

Above costs are a discounted rate for tickets through Wegmans. Admission to the park is free. The Youth group will provide lunch for our group in the picnic grove. Please bring extra money for dinner in the park as well as snacks and souvenirs. Your friends and family are also welcome to attend. **RSVP to Dave and Payment (payable to Union UCC Youth Group) is due as soon as possible and no later than Sunday August 13th.**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:15-10:15am Resumes in September
THE MUNCH BUNCH (6th & 7th grade
2nd Floor Room 203)

CONFIRMATION CLASS (8th grade Youth
Room) Confirmants can go to The Break-
fast Club when there is no class.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB (9th- 12th grade
Room 4)

Confirmation Class

Youth in 8th grade will receive a letter this summer inviting them to be a part of the confirmation class. A registration fee of \$50 and forms will be due August 27. ***A required information session for each student and at least 1 parent will be on October 1st, 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room (basement.)*** This will be the last day to join the class. If you know someone who is interested in being in the class, please have them contact the church office or watch our website for the forms and information.

Property Committee

by Phil Wehr

Summer may be here, but activities continue all around the church property. Our sanctuary welcomes all on Sunday mornings, plus holds weddings, funeral services, and music recitals. Vacation Bible School utilizes all of our church property during the last week of June.

Meetings continue for boy scouts, girl scouts, 4-H clubs, Al-Anon, and other groups. The grove hosts three outdoor services, Boy Scout and Girl Scout events, numerous parties for members, the Lion's Summer Festival, and our own Backyard BBQ Bash and Blues Nite Out.

We are pleased and proud that our church property welcomes so many people to participate in so many activities during the summer, and all year long. We are an active congregation opening our doors and sharing our property with the community to perform God's mission, spreading our Spirit.

Enjoy the Summer - Peace.

Reminder to members - to book a special event in the Church Grove, or Fellowship Hall, please contact Barbara Carinci in the church office.



Associate Search Committee Update

We are advertising the position on the UCC Ministerial Openings page and other places and have begun to receive profiles (resumes) and interview candidates. Please continue to keep the committee and the process in your prayers.

Donna Christman, Ardith Kuhns, Sue Ondrey, Carrington Smith, Phil Wehr, Teresa Dalrymple, Natalie Ondrey, Mollie Jarrett, Jason Klinger, Ashley and Ben Anderson, Pastor Kris and Aften Hamm - Co-Chairs.

Music Search Committee

Welcome Blake Hoppes, our new Minister of Music

At the June Consistory meeting, Church and Ministry presented the following motion and Consistory approved it: **That Union UCC call Blake Hoppes as our Minister of Music.** He would be combining his previous job as Accompanist with many of the responsibilities of the previous Director of Music. The job description requires 18 hours a week. He has agreed to be called with an open-ended job description and package. He will help to create a model to cover some of the responsibilities with some other part-time staff, volunteers or possibly himself with the remaining hours and salary available. We hope to have this final plan in place by the end of the summer.

Thank you to our **Search Committee: Sue Ondrey, Teresa Dalrymple, Donna Christman, Dave DiPaolantonio, Judy Stubbmann, and Pastor Kris.**

Summer Worship Theme: Bless to Me

The tradition of blessing prayers has endured through centuries among the people called "Celts." These blessings reveal a sense of the holy in every moment, in every thing, in every person. This is a way of living—of observing and celebrating, blessing and being blessed by the ordinary acts and encounters of life. Inspired by this tradition of Celtic spirituality and featuring the blessing poems of Beth A. Richardson (Christ Besides Me, Christ Within Me: Celtic Blessings), we will spend time this summer steeping in the blessings that surround us and live within us.

Let's take a spiritual vacation together and be renewed by God's blessings.

c.Worship Design Studio

Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Madeline Bingell,
Eunice Diehl,
Teresa Dalrymple, ,
Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie
Herzog, Judy Hoffman,
Marjorie Hoffman,
Eleanor & Ron Kleckner,
Linda Migliori, Diana
Miller, 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.

Look for us
in the fall
during
worship!



Our Church is the Best!

Thank you for your amazing generosity in the cards and gifts you shared with Pastor Allan on his last Sunday. The congregation was able to give \$1,065 to Phoebe Home's Endowment Fund for Clinical Pastor Education in his honor. This is the program that he supervised when he was on staff at Phoebe. It is a residency program for pastors and chaplains. We also gave him a debit card to use on his travels. The staff gave him a gift card to a bed and breakfast in Jim Thorpe. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

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.

Rev. Alan Miller is retiring after serving the Penn Northeast Conference for 15 years as PNEC's Conference Minister

We want to say "thank you" so we are having a banquet in Alan's honor on:

Sunday, July 23, 2017

4PM Gathering & Fellowship

5PM Dinner

Northampton Memorial Community Center

1601 Laubach Ave., Northampton, PA

Cost: \$25/person for the banquet

Please contact PNEC office for details at 610-826-3113

Also available on the website www.pnec.org under the News & Events Tab -

Alan Miller's Retirement Banquet

Deadline: June 30 for dinner reservations



Lauren Belles is our Catch the Spirit recipient for July/August. She was nominated by the Mission Committee. She will be recognized July 16, 2017 at 10:30am worship.

Lauren Belles was baptized at a UCC church in Trumbauersville, PA. At the tender age of 22 months Lauren was diagnosed with leukemia. She returned to church around the age of 11 or 12 years old, when she says, "the universe placed Pastor Kris, John, and Hannah as our next door neighbors and she became our pastor." Lauren joined the youth group and went through Confirmation at Union UCC.

Lauren's family includes mother, Debra Belles and brother, Dan Belles. She is currently unemployed and on disability. Meanwhile, her hobbies include taking care of her new dog, Shadow (who she rescued) and other pets, and gardening. She enjoys painting and decorating the house. She is an avid movie watcher. Her favorite places to volunteer are at church and with the Leukemia Society.

Activities she is involved with at church are, the Mission committee, Country Sale and the Backyard BBQ, and the Blood Drive. In the past she helped with the youth group, feeding the homeless in Philadelphia, the Sleepout for the Homelessness and youth group retreat.

Lauren says she loves our church because, "When I come to church I feel like I'm at home because of the people that are apart of this church and they make you feel like family." One of her favorite church memories is the youth group coffee house event where they had karaoke and she would sing with friends or by herself.

Thank you Lauren for sharing yourself and your time with Union UCC.

Introducing Becky Ensley

Becky is a recent seminary graduate and granddaughter to one of our members, Ruth Ensley. She is looking to gain more church experience and asked if she could serve here. At June's Consistory meeting, Church and Ministry presented her name for approval and she was approved. She will be shadowing Rev. Patience on hospital, home and nursing home visits. Please give her a warm Union UCC welcome as she visits with you and your family members. Becky preached here on June 25th.

Becky was raised in the South-side of Allentown. She is a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown. She felt a call to ministry while in high school serving as a youth leader within the church's youth ministry program. Becky completed her undergraduate education at Messiah College as a Biblical Studies major. After working at a UCC congregation for two years, she was led to continue her education at Princeton Theological Seminary where she earned two masters degrees, an M.Div. and an M.A. in Youth Ministry. She has preached at several area churches, worked as a Children's and Youth Ministries Director, taught Sunday School and Bible study classes, led youth retreats and trips, and is an ordained Deacon. She is also very active within the music program of her church singing in two choirs and playing in two hand bell choirs. She is excited to be working in a large and healthy church like Union. Her family has a long history with Union UCC. She is the eldest grandchild of Ruth Ensley.

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.

Women's Retreat 2018

Union UCC Women's Retreat Weekend April 27-29, 2018

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

\$135

Questions or More Info: Pastor Kris



CLASS OF 2017

COLLEGE GRADUATES

NORTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Nathan Farber

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Camryn Beers

University of Pittsburgh –Nursing

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Stewart Albert

Hopes to join IBEW Union-works for Selig Electric

Brooke Cipolla

Temple University-Bio/Pre-Med

Justin Evans

Penn State University-Electrical Engineering

Mackenzie Fitzgerald

Gannon University-Occupational Therapy

Brittany Gelb

Muhlenberg College

Ryan Geroulo

Penn State University-Computer Science Engineering

Cara Haring

Franklin and Marshall

Hannah Hurd

Kutztown University

Natalie Ondrey

Penn State University

Drew Panner

Jake Puia

Juniata College –Business

Grace Wright

Muhlenberg College—Biochemistry

WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL

Thomas Herbine

York College-Electrical Engineering

DURHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS

Daniel Heintzelman-Elon University

Kaitlyn Beisel

Lock Haven University, Internship at Cedarbrook Nursing Home

Jimmy Bilger

Penn State University-Bachelors Degree –Civil Engineering
Will work at Whiting-Turner in Baltimore

Alexandra Boyle

Kutztown University—MS Library Science

Tosha Gaumer

Seton Hill University-Bachelor's degree in Art Therapy
Will attend Cedar Crest College for Masters in Art Therapy

Hannah Gombos

East Stroudsburg University- Middle Level Education with a
concentration in Mathematics

Robert Heintzelman

Strayer University-Bachelors of Business Administration

Tim Klotz

Temple University—BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology

Matt Klotz

Drexel University-a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree
in Finance. He is employed by AXA Finance

Alex Krisko

University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
Oral surgery residency program at the University of Kentucky

William Marshall

Rowan University-Bachelors of Music in Music Education and
BA in Subject Matter Specialization. Pursuing Master's of Music
in Early Music Voice at Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins

J.D. Nuschke

Temple Medical School—M.D.
Residency Internal Medicine at Dartmouth Medical Center

Sage Terembula

East Stroudsburg University –Exercise Science. Working to-
wards Master's in Exercise Science also at ESU

Teddy Werkheiser

Kutztown University Summa Cum Laude Bachelors degree in
Secondary Education with a focus in History and Social Studies

Travis Wingate

Arcadia University—BS Science
Grad school for Physical Therapy

Home Visitation Members Birthdays

Eleanor Kistler—July 4

2033 Becker St..
Allentown, PA 18106

Violet Baer - July 17

Phoebe Bridgeways Room
362D

1925 W. Turner St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Joan Fenstermaker - Jul. 18

4138 Hampshire Ct.
Allentown, PA 18104

Beatrice Hregician - Aug. 3

4116 Route 309
Schnecksville, PA 18078

Harry Burger—Aug. 20

3859 Woodland Dr.
PO Box 114
Neffs, PA 18065



Welcome to Becky Ensley!

Becky Ensley is a recent seminary graduate and granddaughter to one of our members, Ruth Ensley. She is looking to gain more church experience and asked if she could serve here. At June's Consistory meeting, Church and Ministry presented her name for approval and she was approved. She will be shadowing me on hospital, home and nursing home visits. I look forward to having Becky Ensley sharing in my ministry here at Union UCC. (Please see Pastor's Kris's newsletter article for more information on Becky.)

The pastors visit local hospitals two to three times weekly. We seek to support you in prayer and presence with our visits. Please be sure to call the church office to alert us if a family member is hospitalized. Please also ask the hospital to enter our church code (511) in your record to ensure that we know when you are in the hospital so that we can visit you. We would like to include your name in our prayers and to publish it in our bulletin (with your permission) in order for our church family to pray for you throughout the week. Becky Ensley will be assisting in these visits and in praying for you.

I also visit members who are no longer able to attend worship on a regular basis. Becky will accompany me on these visits to share communion and fellowship with you. I know you will welcome Becky as you have welcomed me.

Worship and Pastoral Care Plan

– from Pastor Kris

We will need additional pastoral assistance with Pastor Allan's departure until a new associate pastor is called. Pastor Kris has lined up several guest preachers for us to enjoy throughout the summer.

Here's the line up:

July 23 – our own **Susan Glosan**, who is majoring in religion at Muhlenberg College.

August 6 – **Rev. Thomas Thomas**, our Pastor Emeritus, and retired Union pastor of 30 years.

August 20 – **Geoff Brace**, member of Zion Reformed, Allentown and active lay leader in the PNEC and UCC.

We have also asked two area pastors to assist us with emergencies, pastoral care and funerals as needed.

Reverend James Robison has been pastor of Good Shepherd UCC, Slatedale since October 1998 and St. Paul's UCC, Big Creek since January 2017. He has served on various PNEC Committees as well as being a delegate to General Synod. In addition to church work, he serves as President of Guardianship Support Agency, Inc. and President of Watsontown Historical Association. In 1998 he graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He loves dogs, chai and genealogy.

Please continue to contact the church office, Pastor Kris or Rev. Patience as you need pastoral care. Thank you for your patience and faith during this time of staff and pastoral transition. Thank you for your discipleship of service and ministry to each other and the staff.

September 10th – Steven Courtney returns!

He was last with us in 2014 and it was a great time.

Fun music, inspiring message, and heart filling.

He'll be here again on September 10th.

A great way to kick off the school and church year.

www.stevencourtney.com

Few artists are as committed to expanding the boundaries of Children's Music and Family Entertainment as Steven Courtney. Courtney's songs inspire imagination and positive social behavior with a superabundance of creativity added.

New Member Sessions

Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **September 10th and 17th at 9:15am-10:15am**. We will meet in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is 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, September 24th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service**.

For more info: Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org

To sign up: Tara Henninger 610-767-6961 secretary@unionucc.org

Baptism

We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming dates are September 17th and November 12th. There is a pre-baptism session for families typically held after church the Sunday before the baptism.

To sign up: Barbara Carinci 610-767-6961 administrator@unionucc.org

Weddings

To begin the process of scheduling your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at church/a venue and/or with one of the pastors: Barbara Carinci at 610-767-6961 administrator@unionucc.org

Sunday Sponsors:

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

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

SAVE THE DATE! MOVIE NIGHT in the GROVE

Friday, August 18th

FREE

Arrive any time after 7pm

Movie Starts @ 8pm

Bring chairs and blankets.
Popcorn, candy and drinks
provided.

We'll be showing a family
friendly, all ages,
recently released movie.
Watch for more info!
Invite your friends and
neighbors.

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!



During 10:30 Worship we
will worship in the Grove on
these dates. Bring a comfy
chair.

July 16

August 13/Picnic

Dave and Karen Fleming are moving!

In worship on June 4th we announced that Dave and Karen Fleming are moving to Atlanta, GA to work and to be near their daughter, Jennifer. We are sad to see them leave. Their leadership and spirit has been a tremendous gift to us for many years. We bless them and wish them all the best on this new adventure. Love and prayers go with you from your church family.



Sunday, July 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/American Heritage Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-

Text: 10:40-42

Message: Offering a Cup of Cold Water

Preacher: Rev. Kris P. Synder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Carol Pope

10:30 - Jim Ondrey

Greeters: Doug & Angie Kuntz, Cliff & Carol James

Acolytes: 8:00AM—

10:30AM - Marissa Christman, Katherine Schaedel

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-

Texts: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Message: A Passion for Compassion

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Michael Roth

10:30 - Elena Steidinger

Greeters: Gene & Christina Thrash, Karl & Cathy Schmidt

Acolytes: 8:00AM —Nickolaus Schmidt

10:30AM-Cameron Kuntz, Grace Baer

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Blessing of the Animals

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Outdoor Worship, Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet, a picture or a stuffed animal to worship to be blessed.

Text: Psalm 104: 24, Ecclesiastes 3:19

Message: Creation Blessings

Preacher: Rev. Kris P. Synder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00AM – Liz Normann

10:30AM -

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

Acolytes: 8:00AM –Jacob Solt

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Preacher: Susan Glosan

Lay Readers: 8:00— Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - Vicki Mayk

Greeters: Jim & Edie Fella, John & Debbie Romig

Acolytes: 8:00AM –

10:30AM - Andrew Hill, Nickolaus Schmidt

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-

Guest Preacher: Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman

Lay Readers: 8:00— Michael Roth

10:30 - Donna Christman

Greeters: Karl & Karen Imdorf, Karen Wonderly

Acolytes: 8:00AM— Mitchell Roth

10:30AM - Josh Baron, Jacob Solt

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-

Preacher: Rev. Thomas N. Thomas

Lay Readers: 8:00— Susan Rumble

10:30 - Chrissy Shivok

Greeters: Vicki Mayk, Al Stubbman

Acolytes: 8:00AM—

10:30AM -

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Church Family Picnic

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Outdoor Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Suzanne Schneider

10:30 - SueAnn Hregician

Greeters: Sueann Hregician, Jane Schappell

Acolytes: 8:00AM— Andrew Hill

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Preacher: Rev. Geoff Brace

Lay Readers: 8:00— Lucille Kuhns

10:30 - Dan Topp

Greeters: Ruth Ensely, Ron Snyder

Acolytes: 8:00AM— Josh Baron

10:30AM—Marissa Christman, Katherine Schaedel

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: 16:13-20

Message: How do they know?

Preacher: Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00— Sandy Craig

10:30 - Jim Ondrey

Greeters: Jeff & Marcey Kroll, Connie Gioielli

Acolytes: 8:00AM— Mitchell Roth

10:30AM—Grace Baer

Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Service</u> 8AM 10:30AM		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
7-1-2016	\$9,644.00	\$18,753.00	\$28,397.00	May 7	73	176	30	279
Income	\$421,373.00	\$54,889.00	\$476,262.00	May 14	81	201	32	314
Expenses	\$372,855.00	\$47,004.00	\$419,859.00	May 21	67	245	CFW	312
5-31-2017	\$58,162.00	\$26,638.00	\$84,800.00	May 28	66	98	CFW	164

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

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
May 2016–1,324 May 2017– 1,069
AVG ATTENDANCE
May 2016–265 May 2017 - 267

Deaths

Russell Rader passed away on May 30, 2017 and was laid to rest on June 3, 2017.

Wendy M. Gambler passed away on June 4th. Services were held on June 16, 2017.

Stanley Wieand Passed away on June 18, 2017 and was laid to rest on June 22, 2017.

Tammy Yanders-Wanamaker passed away on June 20, 2017 and was laid to rest on June 24, 2017.

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July 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Office Closed	5 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	6	7 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	8
10	11 <u>9am</u> Staff meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff <u>6pm</u> Youth group Hang out night	12 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits; Preschool Board	13	14 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	15
17	18	19 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	20	21 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	22
24 <u>6:45pm</u> Consistory	25 <u>9am</u> Staff meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff <u>6pm</u> Youth group Hang out night	26 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	27	28 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	29
31					
SUNDAYS					
2 American Heritage <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Baptism/Children's Video <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	9 <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Children's Video <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	16 Blessing of the Animals <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ Outdoor Worship <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	23 <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Worship/ Children's Video <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	30 <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Worship/ Children's Video <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	

August 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	3 <u>7pm</u> Christian Ed	4 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	5
7 <u>7pm</u> FOLG	8 <u>6pm</u> Youth Group Hang Out Night	9 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits; Preschool Board	10	11 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	12 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>
14 <u>7pm</u> Welcoming Committee	15 <u>9am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff	16 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits;	17 <u>1:15pm</u> Property	18 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>6pm</u> Movie Night	19
21	22 <u>6pm</u> Youth Group Hang Out Night	23 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits	24	25 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>5pm</u> Blues Nite Out	26 <u>4pm</u> Blues Nite Out
28	29 <u>9am</u> Newsletter Mailing; Staff meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff	30 <u>9:30am</u> Busy Bees <u>10am</u> Knitwits	31		

SUNDAYS

6 Communion
8am Heritage Service

9:15 - 10:15 am
Holy Grounds

10:30am Horizon Service/VeggieTales

11:30am Holy Grounds

13 Church Family Picnic
8am Heritage Service

9:15 - 10:15 am
Holy Grounds

10:30am Horizon Service/Outdoor Worship

11:30am Holy Grounds/Picnic

20
8am Heritage Service

9:15 - 10:15 am
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10:30am Horizon Service/VeggieTales

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27
8am Heritage Service

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11:30am Holy Grounds