LISTEN on Wednesday Nights  5:30pm-7pm
Learning new ways to pray and talk to God.

  March 7 (Centering Prayer) and 14 (Walking Prayer)
  You are welcome to attend all night or part of the night.
  Invite your friends, bring your family.

Each segment has activities for all ages and interests.
5:30-6 pm Activities and Fun  Fellowship Hall/Basement
6-6:30pm Supper Provided, bring a dessert to share if you’d like.
6:30-7pm Worship in the Sanctuary

LISTEN on Sunday Mornings at 8am and 10:30am Worship
March 4, 11, 18, 25
Come and rest, come and listen.

Have you ever walked a Labyrinth?
We will have one available in Memorial Hall from Wednesday, March 14th all day every day through Sunday, March 18th. Feel free to stop by to pray and walk. There will be handouts available to guide you and we will walk and pray as a group Wed March 14 at 7pm.

March 25th Palm Sunday at 8am and 10:30am Worship
March 29th Maundy Thursday 6pm Potluck Supper and Worship
Bring a dish to share for supper, informal communion in Fellowship Hall with Worship
March 30th 7pm Good Friday Worship, Communion
April 1 Easter Sunday with Communion
  6:30am Cemetery, 8am and 10:30am Sanctuary

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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)
**Staff Updates** from Pastor Kris

**Barbara Carinci, our Office Administrator, is Retiring** Barbara has said that she will retire date yet to be determined. We will miss her devotion, conscientiousness and hard work. If you’d like to send her a card or cash gift to thank her for her 9 years of service, please place it in Pastor Kris’s mailbox or give it to Pastor Kris. We can’t surprise her, but we’d like to be sure to thank her. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, have them contact Pastor Kris.

**Church Administrator** Union United Church of Christ, Neffs is looking for a Church Administrator who has a heart for working in a church and welcoming members and guests to our church office. The Administrator position includes responsibilities like: financial management, payroll, recordkeeping, facility scheduling, and a variety of church related business. The position is 25 hours a week with some flexibility in scheduling. Applicants should have a mastery of MS Office and an aptitude to learn other software like Church Windows. Excellent communication and people skills and a high level of integrity and confidentiality are needed. Salary based on experience. If you’d like to be part of the work of this vibrant church ([www.unioncc.org](http://www.unioncc.org)), send a resume to Senior Pastor Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels at applyunionnnucc@gmail.com.

**Rev. Patience Needs Surgery** – please keep her in your prayers as she faces hip replacement surgery on March 6th. She will be unable to visit and work here for 2 weeks (through March 20) and then will not be able to drive for another 4-6 weeks. We will keep you posted on her progress and ability to work as we know it. Please hold off on calling or visiting her during this time. Here is her address if you’d like to send a card: 1216 Pennsylvania Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018. If you’d like to help with meals, please contact Amy McCoy at 484-358-6125. Please contact the church office if you or a church friend or family member needs assistance from a pastor during this time.

**Ori Handwerk, Our Custodian Needs Surgery too!** Please keep Ori and his family in your prayers as he faces hip replacement surgery. His surgery is on March 13th and plans to be out at least a month. Other staff and volunteers will help in his absence with building needs. If you’d like to send him a card, please send it to church or place it in his mailbox at church.

**Consistory** By Deb Wenner Subject to Approval

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, February 19, 2018, by President Brad Hackett.

The Treasurer’s Report and the Jan. 15 – Feb.16 bills were presented and approved.

**Property and Maintenance Committee** - repairs have been made to the organ, the emergency generator, girl’s bathroom toilets, and parking lot lights. A new heavy duty electric line was installed into the kitchen to power two new griddles purchased by the Fellowship Committee. New signs placed on the clothing shed.

The food stand in the grove is 95% complete. Future exterior work: contractors installing sidewalks around the building, holding tank for the sink inside, two new light poles in the grove for the exterior string lights, and a small driveway to the entrance.

The hard drive and computer equipment for the security cameras is failing. Protect Alarms provided a quote to upgrade the system with a new hard drive, software package, and four new outdoor cameras for a total cost of $3,700. Request for funding through FOLG was presented and approved.

**Christian Education** is currently supporting our Lent program.

**Mission Committee** - the Souper Bowl collection received $136 in donations for the Lehigh Conference of Church and over 300 cans of soup for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

**Welcoming Committee** - the annual Souper Bowl Tailgate celebration was successful and had a good turnout. Members of the committee are attending a workshop on March 3 that will focus on new approaches for increasing membership to our church family.

**Fellowship Committee** - 114 people attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 24.

**Worship Committee** - on the special speakers and worship opportunities. The Lenten services were discussed – our program is Hearing That Still Small Voice and Finding Your Own. Upcoming Lent services are held Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00pm and include dinner, a workshop and prayer.

The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday, March 19, in Room 101.
Mission Committee

Easter Mission Offerings
The Mission Committee has selected Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh County, and Bethany Children’s Home in Womelsdorf, PA to receive this year’s Easter Mission Offerings. Please use the special envelope in your envelope packet to support their missions, or place your donation in any envelope and mark “Easter Mission.” You are truly making a difference in the lives of people in the local community.

Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh County
Their mission is to serve seniors or adults with disabilities who are primarily homebound and unable to cook or shop for themselves. Their services include meal delivery, well-being checks, friendly visits, grocery shopping, and linking clients to other services to help them live independently and stay healthy in their own homes.

Sixty six volunteers deliver meals and smiles to 465 clients each weekday. Volunteers are so important, 69% of clients state that the volunteer is the only person they see all day, 36% state that the volunteer is the only person they see all week.

Last year, over 165,000 meals were delivered by over 850 volunteers. New delivery volunteers are always needed - call Dawn at 610-398-2536.

Bethany Children’s Home
Located on a beautiful campus in Womelsdorf, PA, Bethany Children’s Home helps children and youth reclaim their lives from trauma, abuse, and neglect. In 2017, they helped close to 300 children, coming from 20 counties in Pennsylvania.

Their mission is to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid their residents in their self understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter future. Founded in 1863, Bethany Children’s Home provides a home to youth to gain an education, to have a place for music therapy, arts & recreation, spiritual services, social services and more.

Their mission is active and vibrant all year long in improving the lives of children and youth from age 7 - 20, a true blessing to brighten their future.

Women’s Retreat 2018

Union UCC Women’s Retreat Weekend
April 27-29, 2018
Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg
Balance of $60 payment due April 8.
Leader: Pastor Kris

Union UCC Night at the Iron Pigs
Saturday, June 16th, 6:35 p.m. game time
Opponent: Pawtucket Red Sox
25 seats available, Section 118, just beyond third base. The sun will be behind us.
$11. per ticket. Each ticket includes a $2. food voucher.
Please call John Snyder-Samuelson to reserve your tickets: 484-809-3815.
Where School Memories Begin  
By Annette Wilcox

In between snow and ice storms the Preschool held our Informational Open House and Registration Kick-Off event during the first week of February. The rooms were packed with families coming to learn more about our programing and lots of children having fun making new friends. **We will continue to take applications until our classes are full.** If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more information or a registration form, please email preschool@unionucc.org or call the Preschool office at 610-767-5327.

Inside the classrooms the threes spent the month learning all about health and wellness, which culminated in our annual Teddy Bear Clinic. The students always love exploring the inside of the ambulance and discussing when to dial 911. We were also joined by the Glitterbug Program which focuses on good handwashing techniques, and by a pediatric dentist to talk about teeth brushing. The fours studied Fine Arts in February, spending time on some of the greats: Van Gogh, Andy Warhol, Da Vinci and Monet. They had the opportunity to look at some of the original artworks then create their own individual versions. After services feel free to walk down the school hallways and check out our masterpieces. Finally, the PreK class spent the month conducting exciting science experiments as they explored their 5 senses. It may have been a short calendar month, but February was packed with lots of exciting happenings in the Preschool.

Check us out on Facebook— or on our website— 
www.unionucc.org/preschool

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

First Communion Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 18**, after the 10:30 service. The class is open to all first graders and any other students (2nd through 7th grade) who have not previously attended the class and would like to participate in communion. The children and parents will join Mrs. Bonsell and Pastor Kayli after church. We hope to conclude the session by 12:30pm. The children will receive their first communion on **Thursday, March 29** during the Maundy Thursday evening service. The children will then be prepared to take communion on Easter Sunday. Information flyers will be handed out in Sunday School and Children’s Church. Please register with **Kathy Bonsell** before **March 11th** at dired@unionucc.org.

Bible Journaling

**Join us on March 1 and March 15, 9:30-11, in Room 5 to study the Bible in new and creative ways.**

You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, and ideas.

VBS 2018

**June 25-29**

This summer Union UCC will be SHIPWRECKED!! We will have a great time with lively songs, humorous skits, creative experiments, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks...all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children (and adults). This year’s program is scheduled for June 25th through the 29th, 9:00am to noon daily. We hope you can join us for a week of fun and adventure!

**Registration Forms are located in Memorial Hall. Due by May 14th.** We still need adults and youth to lead this year’s VBS.

VBS DESIGN LAB

Help with this year’s VBS! We will meet March 6 for **planning**, 10-12:00 and March 20 for **decorating**, 10-2:00 (bring your lunch). We will meet in Room 5.

MEMORY VERSE

Our Sunday school children are learning the following verse:

*No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.*

1 John 4:12
Youth Group News Grades 6-12

For more information contact:
Pastor Kayli  PastorKayli@unionucc.org
Or Dave DiPaolantonio at 610-349-9162 and youthgroup@unionucc.org.
Facebook: Union UCC Youth Group
www.unionucc.org/christian-education/youth-group/

Anyone who is in grades 6-12 is considered a member of youth group. Adults
and parents who meet our safe child guidelines are welcome as chaperones, drivers
and team members. Friends and families are always invited (unless noted).

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:15-10:15am
THE MUNCH BUNCH
(6th & 7th grade  2nd Floor Room 203)
CONFIRMATION CLASS
(8th grade Youth Room)
Confirmands can go to The Breakfast Club when there is no class.
THE BREAKFAST CLUB
(9th-12th grade Room 4)

SUNDAY MARCH 4
Youth Sunday @ 10:30 worship!
(Senior’s will also speak at 8am)
Youth participants report @9:15am
for practice
Youth Group T-Shirts are available!
Designed by Dylan Kuntz and Mollie Jarrett
Bring your $5 to get one!

Help Wanted!
When: March 24, 2018
What: Easter Egg Hunt
Time: 12:45pm
Come out and help with the Easter Egg Hunt!
(Confirmation class, this counts for service points!)

THANK YOU to our Confirmands and
their families for their donations of
toiletries, blankets and towels that we
took to the Catholic Services Soup Kitchen, the Salvation Army and the
Lehigh Conference of Churches at our visits on February 10th. THANK YOU to
our parent drivers, food shoppers, chaperones and teaching team for your
help in our visits and sleepover at church.

CONFIRMANDS you were awesome
worship leaders!
Thanks Church for your love and
support of our youth.

What’s Next
Things that are coming up to mark down:
April 7: Zip-Lining @ Camp Icthus
We missed out on this in November, so we are planning
on going back to do team building and have fun
April 22: Youth Group Sandwich Sale
May 5: Country Sale
*Watch for more information on these events*

Got a fun idea for Youth Group? Adventurous outing?
Service project? Let Pastor Kayli or Dave D know!
Flower Plants for the Home Visitation Members and for the Sanctuary

This year we are pleased to offer Easter Lilies ($9 each), Tulips, Hyacinths and Daffodils ($8 each). Please help by sponsoring a Flowering Plant for the Sanctuary.

You may pick this up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service on April 1st.

Let us share this Joy of the Easter season with our Home Visitation Members. Sponsor a Flowering Plant and assure them that we include them within our Church Family.

Please print your information on the form, enter the number of plants you are ordering, and place in the offering plate, with your payment (checks payable to Union U.C.C.) or mail to the church office by Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Pint For Pint: Blood Drive and Soup Sale

Take care of others and we will take care of you. You donate a pint to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center and well give you a pint of delicious homemade soup. Sponsored by the Mission Committee, the Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be here on Sunday, March 25 to take blood donations for use throughout the 21 local hospitals served by them. Our goal for Miller-Keystone is to get 30 blood donors in their five-hour visit (8am to 1pm). With a great worship attendance, dedicated church members, and community participation, Union UCC should be able to collect the maximum 42 blood donations, not just the 30 that are planned. In coordination, we are offering a Soup Sale on that same day. Soup sales are for take-out only and are open to all. There will be many varieties from which to choose. Quarts are $6 and pints are $4. Soup Sale proceeds and monetary donations will benefit Miller-Keystone Blood Center.

To make this a great event, please participate in any of the many ways possible: sign up to donate blood if you are able (visit giveapint.org to see if you qualify as a donor), buy a soup, or educate yourself on the life-saving gift of blood donation. Call Susan Smith at (610) 366-7284 to sign up. Blood collection will be in Memorial Hall from 8 am until 1 pm, with appointments every 15 minutes. If you are a regular blood donor, keep Sunday, March 25 in mind so that you can be eligible to donate here at Union UCC.
Property Committee

by Phil Wehr

Two snow and ice storms in one week during the first week of February can really wreak havoc on the snow plowing budget. Yet the work must be done, the parking lots cleared and salted, the sidewalks and steps shoveled and salted, all to be ready and safe for our staff, members, and guests to enter our church buildings. Thanks are in order to our paid snow crews, and staff, and other volunteers who make this all happen.

While we did not have many big snow storms this winter, the storms that did arrive were costly for cleanup and salting. Only one more month to go, and March can bring big wet snow storms, so we will probably go over budget, but it has to be done.

Numerous repairs have been made around the church property during the past six weeks. Repairs have been made to the organ, the emergency generator, girls bathroom toilets, and parking lot lights. A new heavy duty electric line was installed into the basement kitchen to power two new griddles purchased by the Fellowship Committee. New signs were installed on the clothing shed.

The food stand in the grove is 95% percent complete, the interior counters will be the finishing touches to the main building. There is still more work to come in spring as contractors will install sidewalks around the building, install the holding tank for the sink inside, install two new light poles in the grove to hook up the balance of the exterior string lights, and the paving crew installs a small driveway to the entrance.

Then we plant grass, and watch it grow . . .

Adult Study

Friday Morning Adult Class
9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.
March 2 The Bible and Handel’s Messiah, the Kerygma Program
We loved studying the Advent and Christmas songs in December and now we will turn to some of the Lent and Easter music of Handel’s Messiah and look at the Bible texts used in the music.
March 9 and 16 Accidental Saints Nadia Bolz-Weber
March 23 – No Class, Meet Author Nadia Bolz-Weber
March 30 – No Class, Good Friday
April 6 – No Class, Serve Breakfast at Jubilee Ministry

Sunday Morning Adult Class
9:15-10:15 - Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.
March 4 - LVCIL is a cross disability organization in the Lehigh Valley. Debbie Rozear will be in attendance to hand out information, speak about our services and answer any questions you may have. The services that we provide may help you or someone you may know.

March 11, 18, 25 with Pastor Kris
What Makes a Hero? A series by Matt Rawle that offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at the heroes of pop culture through the lens of faith we’ll see how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head.

April 1 – No Class, Easter
TURN YOUR TRASH INTO CASH

It’s time to start thinking about spring and yard sales again. Why not sell your items at our Country Sale!

DATE: Saturday, May 5th, 9-2
COST: $20 donation per indoor/outdoor space
REGISTRATION: Contact Dan & Deb Topp or download contract at unionucc.org

** All unsold items can be placed in a truck for donations for Recycle Local. This is a fundraiser for our Preschool.

HOW CAN I HELP???

- Reserve a table, $20 donation
  Dan/Deb Topp 610-767-3384
- Bake...Bring items to the church on Friday, May 3rd 12-8 or Saturday, May 4th after 7am
- Kitchen Help serving, preparing, clean-up Vicki Sorg 610-261-1242
- Book Collection, No earlier than April 17, drop off on stage
- Greeters/Runners/Set-up/Clean-up/General Help/Traffic Control
  - Advertise pick up a flyer to hang in your business or local store
    Maryann Puia 610-767-9318

To volunteer, contact name listed above or contact the church office. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, March 24 at 1PM

In the Church’s grove, weather permitting. If not, Memorial Hall. Ages 0-10
Bring a basket or container to collect eggs!

EASTER BUNNY VISIT / EGG HUNT Registration Form

Name: ________________________ Age_________ (Boy) (Girl)
Name: ________________________ Age_________ (Boy) (Girl)
Name: ________________________ Age_________ (Boy) (Girl)
Name: ________________________ Age_________ (Boy) (Girl)
Parent: _____________________________________________________________
Contact Phone No.: __________________________________________________

Donations needed for Easter Bunny’s Visit:

Wrapped candy. Examples: Wrapped kisses, chocolate/white Easter candy, etc.
Prizes for “lucky eggs.” Examples: Books, coloring book, larger pieces of wrapped chocolate, pencils, chalk, stuffed toys... $5 Gift cards can be left in the offering plate or at the church office.

Please bring donations before March 21 and place them in the containers at the church entrances.
Sunday Morning Alive

Sunday Morning Alive leads worship on Sundays at 10:30 for about six Sundays throughout the year. We have a worship team that includes a group of singers, guitar players, keyboards and drums. We play traditional and favorite hymns as well as contemporary and alternative worship music.

Look for us April 8, 2018 at 10:30am worship!

Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

You helped the church raise over $3,000 last 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.

Thanks to our Office Helpers!

Tom & Linda Anderson, Madeline & Dick Bingell, Teresa Dalrymple, Larry Frantz, Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie Herzog, Judy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Barbara Panner, Jill Schlosser, Linda & Wilbur Romig

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

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.
Jennifer, Tegan, Kaden, and Regan Haley are our Catch the Spirit recipients for March 2018. They were nominated by the Christian Education Committee. They will be recognized March 11th at 10:30am worship service.

Prior to coming to Neffs, the Haleys were members for 10 years at St Johns UCC, Mickleys and all three of the Haley children were baptized there. They joined Union UCC in Nov 2011 after seeing what an “amazing” children’s program was here.

Jen has been a Kindergarten teacher in the Northampton School District for the past 17 years. In her free time she enjoys crocheting and reading. Tegan’s interests include theology and science, while Kaden enjoys running and Boy Scouts and Regan loves soccer, taking care of the environment, and crafts.

The entire family helps with Children’s Church, Bible School, Sunday Greeting. They all attend Sunday school either as students or helpers.

“We love our church because we are comfortable here as we all expand our faith. We appreciate how the pastors check in with us and have taken the time to get to know each of us. We are not just members of the church we are a part of our church family.”

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!** We are updating our list of people interested in having a quilt compiled. If someone has a quilt in need of being done contact Janet Creitz at 610-767-6710 or the church office at 610-767-6961.

Join the Choir!

**Practice Schedules:**

**Tuesday Nights**—Youth

**Cherubs (age 4-1st grade)**—6pm

**Juniors (2nd-5th grades)**

**Middlers (6th-8th grades)**

6:30pm

**Unity Choir**—7:30pm

**High School (9th-12th)**—Wednesdays @6pm

**Sunday Mornings**—Adults

**Heritage Choir**—7:15am

**Horizon Choir**—9:15am

Contact: Blake Hoppes
Blake.charger@gmail.com
Golden Times
For those wise in years and young at heart.

Our next gathering will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Program: Ron Snyder: National Parks and Monuments

April 3:
Steve Strack, Esquire
Estate Planning
Rev. Dianne Kareha
The Five Wishes: A Guide to Your Wishes for Medical Care

Programs offered are fun, informative & entertaining.
Bring a dessert to share.
12 noon – 1:30pm
FREE

Food Bank Donation: Condiments

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

Tales from the Road
I will be headed on a journey in March that is familiar to many of you. I will be having hip replacement surgery on March 6th. I will be unable to visit or work at the church for at least two weeks (through March 20th) and will not be able to drive for another 4-6 weeks. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement as I anticipate this surgery and recovery. I look forward to being with you again once spring is in full bloom.

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

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 March 15, 2018, 7pm.

Picture Directory Free Picture:
Thank you for participating in our church’s picture directory! Your free picture has been shipped to the church. You can pick it up at your convenience during the week (9am-9pm) or on Sunday mornings. They are located in Cheryl Yencho’s mailbox outside of the church offices. Look for your name on the envelope. So glad you’re a part of our faith family, Pastor Kris

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
• 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
New Member Sessions
Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on April 8th and April 15th 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, April 22nd at the 8am or 10:30am worship service.
For more info: Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org
To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Tara secretary@unionucc.org or Barbara administrator@unionucc.org

Baptism
We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming dates are May 20th and July 8th. There is a pre-baptism session for families typically held after church the Sunday before the baptism.
To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 and speak to Tara secretary@unionucc.org or Barbara administrator@unionucc.org

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

Family Promise Update
Family Promise enables communities to work together to address the needs of homeless families by securing temporary shelter through host congregations, providing meals donated by host congregations, and comprehensive services offered through local governmental and privately funded aid groups.

Here are some of the ways that we will need help – as we know of now:

- Steering Committee – helping to organize the various pieces needed.
- Donating, Preparing Serving Supper, Breakfast, Bagged lunches
- Hosting families for a few hours in the evening – helping them with directions in the building, visiting with those who want to visit, helping with homework, playing board games, etc.
- Hosting families overnight/Sleeping at the church

We’ll have our own organization meeting on Sunday, March 4th at 11:45-12:15 to continue organizing this effort. We’ll meet in the youth room/basement.

RSVP to Pastor Kris if you are interested in attending the meeting and/or helping with this effort. I know this will be a blessing to all involved.

Pastor Kris and the Mission Committee
Sunday, March 4, 2018
Youth Sunday
8:00am Heritage Service
10:30am Horizon Service-Church Family
Worship
Preacher: Youth Group Seniors
Lay Readers: 8:00 – Youth
10:30 – Youth
Greeters: Youth Group
Acolytes: 8:00AM – Mitchell Roth
10:30 AM—Cameron Kuntz, Jacob Solt

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Girl Scout Sunday
8:00am Heritage Service
10:30am Horizon Service
Text: Ephesians 2:1-10
Message: A Piece of Work
Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson
Lay Readers: 8:00—Whitney Kern
10:30—Sueann Hregician
Greeters: Chris & Abby Bastidas, Karen & Scott Misera
Acolytes: 8:00AM –
10:30AM—Katherine Schaedel, Marissa Christman

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday
6PM First Communion Celebration
Discipleship Meal

Friday, March 30, 2018
Good Friday Worship 7PM
Tenebrae and Altar Communion
Text: John 18:1-19:42
Message: Reversible Errors and Just Mercy
Sermon: Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson
Readers: Donna Christman, Don Penrod, Dan Topp, Michael Roth, Fawn Albert, Claire Kern, Youth
Acolytes: Josh Baron

Sunday, March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:00am Heritage Service
10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism
Text: John 12:20-33
Message: Wouldn’t It Be Nice
Preacher: Rev. Kayli Freeman
Lay Readers: 8:00– Carol Pope
10:30 - Dan Topp
Greeters: Karen Wonderly, Al Stubbman, Vicki Mayk
Acolytes: 8:00AM –Nickolaus Schmidt
10:30AM–

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday
8:00am Heritage Service
10:30am Horizon Service
Text: Mark 11:1-11
Message: Jerusalem March Madness
Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson
Lay Readers: 8:00– Doug Albert
10:30 - Elena Steidinger
Greeters: Jim & Leanna Lane. George & Naomi DeNardo
Acolytes: 8:00AM – Nickolaus Schmidt
10:30AM– Grace Baer, Mitchell Roth

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:
March 4-Youth Group
March 11-Girl Scouts
March 18-Worship Committee
March 25-Consistory
### Financial & Attendance Reports

#### Operating Fund

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**Grand Total All Funds: $41,609.00**

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

### Deaths

**Anna Lord** passed away on January 26, 2018 and was laid to rest on January 31, 2018.

**Gordon Rothrock** who passed away on January 31, 2018 and was laid to rest February 3, 2018.

**Lorraine Hunsicker** passed away on February 8, 2018 and was laid to rest February 15, 2018.

**Roy C. Kern** passed away on February 8, 2018 and was laid to rest February 12, 2018.

**Kenneth Clauser** passed away February 17, 2018 and was laid to rest on February 23, 2018.

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**Union UCC Church Staff**

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**You're invited to a public meeting on Gerrymandering!**

When: Sunday, March 11 at 3 pm
Where: The Family Life Center (gym) of Union Lutheran Church, 5500 PA Route 873, Schnecksville
Who: All ages welcome

Fair Districts Pennsylvania, an offshoot of the League of Women Voters, is holding an educational public meeting on gerrymandering. You might’ve seen this in the news recently, and wondered what it is and how it affects you.

Mary Erdman of Fair Districts will present an interesting show on voting district lines, and explain ways to eliminate gerrymandering in the future. This is a non-political, non-partisan discussion on good government. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions. Call Dianne Gillikin at 610-704-0998 with any questions.
# March 2018

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