

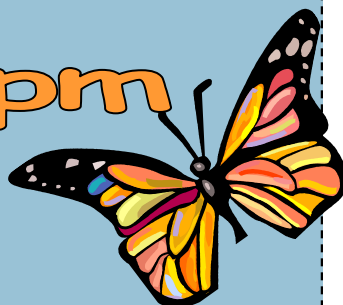
HONORING THE PAST * CELEBRATING THE PRESENT *
 BUILDING THE FUTURE

country sale

Union United
 Church of Christ



May 5th
 9-2pm



Flea Market · Delicious Food · Book Sale



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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)

Union UCC has a softball team! We will be playing in the Whitehall-Coplay Church softball League on Sunday nights at 6pm on the Independence Park or Kopecha Park.

Come cheer for us on Sunday nights!

Games start at 6pm; Kopecha Park =K, Field 1 or 2; Independence Park =I

May 6 K2,	June 17 K2,	July 15 K2,	Aug 12 K2,
May 13 I,	June 24 K1,	July 22 K2,	Aug Tournament
May 20 K1,	July 1 I,	July 29 K1,	
May 27-No game,	July 8 I,	Aug 5 I,	
June 3 I, June 10 K1,			

Adult Study

Friday Morning Adult Class 9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement) with Pastor Kris

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

May 4 – No Class due to Country Sale

May 11 – Rob Bell, What is the Bible?

May 18 - Rob Bell, What is the Bible? (Picnic Lunch in the grove, Last session.)

Sunday Morning Adult Class

9:15-10:15 - Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

April 29, May 6, 13 and 20

We will explore our responsibility in the care of God's creation in a 4 week series. We will look at the biblical mandate, explore our own relationship with nature, learn about some initiatives by the UCC, examine some material in a new book written by Jim Antal, Massachusetts Conference Minister and hear from the voices of youth in our congregation and the nation. Please join us Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 in Room 5 (Basement level.)

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

Consistory By Deidre Bilger Subject to Approval

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, April 16, 2018, by President Aften Hamm.

The Treasurer's Report and the March 19 – April 16, 2018 bills were presented and approved.

Property and Maintenance Committee - Selig Electric repaired two lights in the preschool area. Koren Plumb-ing made repairs to two toilets in the preschool area. Cleanup around the church and grove property was held Saturday, April 14. The Grove project is moving along. The sidewalks around the food stand are being installed, concrete was poured for the two light stands and the paving crew will begin the parking area. The last step is to grade the ground with topsoil and plant grass the first week of May.

Christian Education Committee is planning Vacation Bible School to be held from June 25 through June 29.

Mission Committee - Update on Family Promise: over \$48,000 has been collected and they are close to the initial start-up requirements but no date has been determined yet. Lenten Offering will be split equally between the Bethany Children's Home and Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley and is \$1,739.50. Pint-for-Pint blood drive and soup sale benefitting Miller-Keystone Blood Center collected \$600 from soup sales. 41 people registered to give blood, 36 were able to give. Another blood drive will be held in the fall, possibly November. Sunday, May 6 is the Hunger Walk to benefit the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Contact Phil Wehr for registration

forms or donation information. Union UCC again provided 250 five pound bags of potatoes for Easter food distribution at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. One Great Hour of Sharing will be held on May 13 and benefits the Church World Services. The annual May Mission coincides with Mother's Day and the collection of baby toiletries will go to Nurse-Family Partnership of St. Luke's University Health Network. **Welcoming Committee** - Discussed the work of the Welcoming Committee, a recent Penn Southeast Conference workshop, and brainstormed about ways to nurture our members. On May 5, the committee will be selling geraniums at the Country Sale. On June 24, the annual Build Your Own Sundae event will be held in the new Grove food stand.

Financial Leadership Committee met on April 4 and April 11.

Fellowship Committee reported that 68 children attended the Easter Egg Hunt. The next meeting will be held at DiFiore's on May 7 at 6pm for fellowship, food and planning upcoming events

Worship Committee reported while it did not meet, the committee expressed thanks to all volunteers for their service for during Holy Week and Easter Services.

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

Mission Committee

BABY TOILETRIES COLLECTION

In conjunction with Mother's Day, we are partnering with St. Luke's Nurse Family Partnership to support low income, 1st time pregnant mothers. The Nurse Family Partnership is a voluntary, evidence-based home visitation program in which Registered Nurses with specialized education visit at risk mothers from early pregnancy through the 1st two years of the child's life. The program's goal is to create positive environments in which children can grow in safe, healthy, & nurturing homes.

Throughout the entire month of May we will be collecting baby toiletries to donate to NFP's program. Some of the specific items they are in need of are: infant/toddler toothbrushes, toddler toothpaste, baby wash, diaper ointment, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes.

Thank you for your generous support of this meaningful mission!

One Great Hour of Sharing by Phil Wehr

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

In the six months since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, UCC Disaster Ministries has been providing critical supplies and helping Puerto Ricans develop a long-term strategic plan for recovery. Soon, volunteer work teams will be deployed.

In a rural community in Cambodia, the only water available had been from a shallow, hand dug well. With help from OGHS to build a new well, the long daily walk to collect water became shorter, and the community is healthier due to access to clean water.

Union UCC will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday May 13 & May 20. Look for the special envelopes in the bulletin. Your support will help families improve their lives around the world.

Pint for Pint Results.

Pint-for-Pint Results

Thanks to all the blood donors, soup chefs and hungry patrons! Miller-Keystone Blood Center was thrilled to collect **36 viable pints** of blood. Forty-one brave souls took the challenge to help save the life of someone in the Lehigh Valley. This was our best effort yet! **We raised \$600** with our soup sales, and every blood donor also got a free pint of soup. We thanked the dedicated workers from Miller-Keystone with a quart of soup as well. We are very pleased to do our part for the community and are eager to continue this mission. Our next blood drive will be in the fall.



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-Samuels on to
reserve your tickets: 484-809-3815.

Thank You

Shelly and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. Each day I'm getting stronger, so I'm looking forward to my return to Union UCC ASAP.

Ori Handwerk, facility caretaker

Thank you for the many gifts. It certainly made me feel special and I want you to know how much I appreciate all of it. Thank you for allowing me to serve these last nine years.

Ever grateful,
Barbara Carinci



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Where School Memories Begin By Annette Wilcox

It is hard to believe that May is right around the corner, and with it brings 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 discuss 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.

The Preschool will be offering a summer enrichment camp for children age 3 year to 5 (entering kindergarten in the fall). Children must be fully toilet trained and have successfully completed one year of preschool either in our program or elsewhere. The camp will focus on STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math), and will run from June 11th-June 15th from 9:00-11:30 am. For more information or a registration form, please contact Annette Wilcox at preschool@unionucc.org.

Registration is in full swing for the 2018-2019 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.

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

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2018 scholarship winner. This \$250 scholarship is given every year to a high school senior who is planning on higher education and started their educational career at Neffs Preschool. The applicants are required to complete a 500 word essay in which they discuss themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Congratulations to **AJ DiPaolantonio**, a senior at Parkland High School, who plans on pursuing a degree in business and finance.



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

MAY 20th is the last day for Children's Church and Sunday School for the 2017-2018 session. Thank you for joining us this year and learning more about how God wants us to live. We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will meet again in September. We would love to see you this summer at VBS or at our VeggieTales program on Sundays throughout the summer.



Children's Church

May 6 Church Family Worship
CONFIRMATION

May 13 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 20 Acts 2:1-21

Wear RED for Pentecost!
LAST DAY of Children's Church

Bible Journaling

Join us on May 3rd and 17th to study the Bible in new and creative ways. You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, and ideas.



HELP WANTED: VEGGIETALE LEADERS

We need two adults each Sunday this summer to lead our children during the 10:30 worship service. The position involves taking the children downstairs to the Youth Room, operating the DVD player, providing a snack (optional) and waiting until all the children have been picked up by their parents before leaving. We will not have VEGGIETALES on Outdoor Worship Sundays. A sign up sheet is on Kathy's office door.



VBS 2018 June 25-29

Registration Forms are located in Memorial Hall.

Due by May 14th.

VBS CREW MEETING

All Shipwrecked Crew Members are invited to a VBS meeting on **Sunday, May 20th**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. We will meet in the Youth Room and get everyone ON BOARD for another fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School.

SEED MISSION

We are collecting money to buy seeds and education for the people of Haiti! Help people in need become more self-sufficient by learning how to farm. (See foyer display)

VBS DESIGN LAB

Help with this year's VBS! We will work on decorations MAY 1 and MAY 15, 10-2 (bring your lunch).



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/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).



THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated, bought, and helped with the Youth Group Sandwich Sale!

It's because of YOU that we get to do such amazing things with our kids!!!

Saturday May 5, 2018

Country Sale!

9am-2pm

Root beer Floats, Walking Tacos, Soft pretzels

Fun, Food, Fellowship!

**T-SHIRTS STILL
AVAILABLE \$5
See Dave D. or
Pastor Kayli**

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)

May 6: Confirmation Sunday-1

@10:30 worship

May 20: Confirmation Sunday-2

@ 10:30 worship

June 3: Graduate Recognition Sunday

If you're graduating from HS or College, email Tara (secretary@unionucc.org) with your info!

[Name, school, future plans]

Summer Plans for Youth Group!

There are plenty of things in the works. Keep an eye out for emails and events!

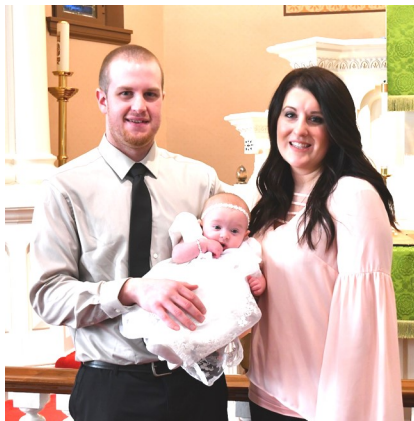
Got a fun adventure idea?

Let Pastor Kayli or Dave D know!

Baptisms

January 14, 2018

Kennedy Rose Beam daughter of
Ryan and Alicia (Dotterer) Beam



March 18, 2018



Ford Francis Campbell son
of Mark and Jacquelin
(Becker) Campbell



Nathaniel Lewis Kern son of
Andrew and Whitney (Babyak)
Kern



Jameson Evans son of
Rebecca Ciciliot and
Barry Evans

New Members

February 25, 2018

Joan Roth (pictured left)
Rev. Kayli Freeman
(pictured center)



April 22, 2018

Leah Petre (pictured right)
Denise and Stan Stanek (not pictured)
Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek (not pictured)
UCC missionary in Japan

Property Committee

by Phil Wehr

Blast from the Past

On May 4, 2003, Union UCC dedicated the New Beginning Addition with a big party! Yes, that was fifteen years ago, and to some of us it seems like yesterday. After many years of discussion, planning, and designing, years of financial planning and fund raising, then nine months of construction, our new addition was ready for the test.

Our pastor's had new first floor offices with windows, our office staff had nice new work spaces on the first floor, the choir had a new beautiful space for rehearsal, the youth had their own space, our Christian Ed director moved to a new office, and we had wonderful stairs and a brand new elevator to provide access to everyone to all three floors.

Fast forward fifteen years, the addition has grown up and become part of our church property. What was a dream, became reality, and became vital to Union UCC's mission and ministry. The designed spaces have seen so much

activity by our staff, our members and our guests.

We will continue to move forward and use this space, along with all of our church property, to spread God's word and share love to the world. But we can never forget the work and effort, support and faith done by those who have come before us here at Union United Church of Christ.

New Beginning Addition - Dedicated to all members - Past, Present, & Future - May 4, 2003



Present and Future

The food stand in the grove is complete, with lots of work continuing around the building. New side-walks are being installed, two new light poles will be placed and hooked up to the existing light strings. New drainage was installed along grove street to help with water runoff from the grove and the roadway. A small parking area will be installed from Grove Street to the new food stand. Then ground will be moved, grass planted, and we watch it GROW.

All is on schedule for the food stand to become part of our church grove and to be ready for summer events starting in the end of June, see you there ...

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 27th)**. Please complete the following info and ***submit it to the church office by May 20.***

Rank/Title and Name: _____

Branch of the Military: _____

Died during which Conflict: _____

Date of Death _____

Special Honors: _____



Family Promise Update

Pastor Kris and the Mission Committee

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

Contact Pastor Kris if you are interested in helping with this effort.



SPRING AND SUMMER are a good time to reconnect with God and your church. From Pastor Kris

Our pastors, staff and leaders want to thank everyone for all that they do: attend worship, support an event, join a group or committee, participate in an event, share in leadership, pray for our church, and the many ways that you support the mission and ministry of Union. Thank you, and thank you, God!

We realize that there are times when attending church, participating in events, or contributing financially to our church's mission and ministry is not always possible. Know that we are always praying for everyone and are always glad to support you in these times. We're here for you.

We also want to remind you that we take the commitment to membership here seriously. Your spiritual well-being is important to us. As our staff and leaders do all that they can to provide you with meaningful opportunities and pastoral care, we need you to do all that you can do to stay connected as well.

The minimal requirements to be a member here and to maintain membership here are to take communion and contribute financially each year. We hope that you will reach out to us to let us know when your life circumstances have changed, if there's a way that we can care for you, or if there is a reason you are no longer staying connected to our church family as a member. We will also do all that we can to reach out to you if we see this isn't happening and offer support and a chance to reconnect.

Please contact a pastor or the church office if you have questions about your church membership or your walk with God here at Union.

Our next worship services with Holy Communion are on June 3rd and August 5th at 8am and 10:30am. If you can't make these dates, we understand. Come any Sunday and let us know that this is still your church home.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
SUNDAY JUNE 24,
2018**

**BUILD YOUR OWN
SUNDAE
SUNDAY**

8am worship (Sanctuary)
& 10:30 worship (outside
in Grove)

Picnic in our Grove
11:30am-1pm

*Hotdogs, snacks, beverages,
ICE CREAM with toppings!*

Hosted by the Welcoming
Committee

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,
Jill Schlosser, Linda &
Wilbur Romig

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
June 3, 2018
at 10:30am
worship!**



Do you love BOOKS?

We do too! And we have a fabulous library filled with all kinds of treasures hiding on the second floor behind the Memory Room. **We are looking for a group of book-lovers who would like to form a new committee;** who would be willing to look at what we have and discuss the future of our library.

If you are interested, join us at our next Christian Education meeting on **May 3rd at 7:00pm in Room 5.** In the meantime, check out a book from our library. There is a huge children's collection and so much more!



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.



Dorothy Reph is our Catch the Spirit recipient for May 2018. She was nominated by the Helping Hearts Committee. She will be recognized in May the at 8:00am worship service.

Dorothy has been a life-long member of Union UCC, receiving her confirmation from Rev. Urffer. Dorothy is descended from the Neff and Schmick families. She says he great-grandfather helped to build this church. She grew up in Emerald and recalled walking to Slatington to catch the bus to church and back home on Sundays.

Dorothy was married Clifford, who passed away in 2011. Their two daughters are Susan Andrews and Sharon Reph. Dorothy has one grandson and one great-grandson. She likes to spend her time with her family. Dorothy retired from Paris Neckwear after being a supervisor and 35 years working there.

Dorothy has always been a faithful attendee and donator to Union UCC. While she liked to volunteer for various organizations it was difficult with her work schedule. She is glad that she has been able to return to church after a recent broken hip. About Union UCC she says, "It's always been a part of my life and there are too many memories to choose from—but the church picnics always stand out." Dorothy says she loves her church but does not know how to express that love in words.

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2018!

Confirmation Class

Trevor Amorim
Alexis Bilotta
Will Chilcote
Maggie Cygan
Katelyn Gable
Kaden Haley
Brianna Hess
Gabriel Mantz
Connor McCoy
Teague Miller
Brett Misera
Samantha Ritchie
Karson Schaedel
Riley Schlosser
Coral Shivok
Graham Smith
Max Waddell

Parents

Frederick & Jennifer Slade
Kelly Farrell & Peter Bilotta
Brian & Heather Chilcote
Brendan & Molly Cygan
Pamela & Roy Gable Jr.
Jennifer Haley, Brent Haley
Keith Hess, Suellen Searfass
Jessica Knerr, David Mantz
Todd & Amy McCoy
Jarrad & Tiffany Miller
Scott & Karen Misera
Franklin & Susan Ritchie
Lisa Schaedel, Kurt Schaedel
Scott & Danielle Schlosser
Daniel & Christina Shivok
Carrington & Susan Smith
Sharon Waddell, Mark Waddell

God Guides

Naomi DeNardo
Shelly Santa-Anna
Randy Bilger
Dixie Gross
Randy Kocher
Doug Kuntz
Edie Fella
Deanna Correll
Dave DiPaolatonio
Leanna Lane
Tina Jarrett
Danielle Schlosser
Robin Christman
Eric Minnich
Kathy Milander
Fawn Albert
Brian Chilcote

Golden Times

For those wise in years and young at heart.

Our next gathering will be
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Program: Native Plant Garden Design for Small Spaces Consuelo Almodovar. This program will include practical design tips and examples for featuring native plants for small residential spaces. Participants will be invited to create a design for their own small space using resources and templates provided by the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. This program is open to all, but will be basic and requires no garden design experience.

Programs offered are fun, informative & entertaining.
Bring a dessert to share.

12 noon – 1:30pm
FREE

Food Bank Donation:
Mac and cheese, hamburger helper mixes, rice or noodle mixes

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

Tales from the Road

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

Thank You!!!

I am very grateful for the many kindnesses expressed to me while I was recovering from my recent surgery. Thank you for your many prayers, cards, calls, texts, rides and delicious meals. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation. I have been released from physical therapy (with daily home exercises, of course) and am driving again. I hope that my surgeon will release me to return to work full time at my upcoming appointment this week (April 16, 2018). I am getting around much better than before my surgery! Thanks again for all your support.

Staff Updates from Pastor Kris

Rev. Patience and Ori Handwerk Update They are both doing well. We're hoping they'll be returning to work the last week of April/first week of May. Thanks for your prayers.

Welcome Amanda Sweeting, our new Church Administrator

Amanda Sweeting was presented by the Search Committee to Consistory and was approved the first week of March. She trained for several weeks with Barbara, who's last day was April 6th.

Amanda impressed us with her energy, enthusiasm, and love for numbers. She has previously worked for companies where she has handled marketing, payroll and accounts payable. She also has experience in life insurance and as a youth worker at a church. While at home with her son for the last few years she created an ecommerce business reselling women and children's clothing. Amanda and her husband and son live in Germansville.

Currently her office hours are 9am-3pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She can be reached using the church office phone number and at administrator@unionucc.org.

Be sure to welcome Amanda and thank her for serving here.

Pastor Kris's Sabbatical from Pastor Kris and Church and Ministry

Our full-time pastors are blessed with 3 months of sabbatical time for every 5 years of service at Union. This is part of the call agreement between a pastor and a church. Sabbatical time is for spiritual renewal and growth. Most Sabbatical leaves include study, spiritual retreat and rest.

I've postponed this time for the last 2 years in order to do the work needed during the many transitions our church has been going through. I'll be taking one month of my sabbatical this summer starting **June 4th – July 3rd, 2018**. During this time I hope to work on some reading and planning for the next year as well take time for family, travel and spiritual renewal.

I will not be available for church events or pastoral care during this time. Pastors Kayli and Patience will be available to lead and support you.

Thank you for this gift. I trust God will make sure it benefits and blesses our life and ministry together.

New Member Sessions

Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **September 9th and 16th 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 23 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 Amanda administrator@unionucc.org

Baptism

We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming dates are **July 8th and September 16th**. 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 Amanda 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: Amanda Sweeting at 610-767-6961 administrator@unionucc.org

Feed My Starving Children by Eliot Lightner

Last October my son Everett and I took part in a Feed My Starving Children mobile meal packing event. My hope was to show him the importance of giving back as well as to help him appreciate how lucky we are for all that we have. I had no idea of the impact the event would have on me.

Before the meal packing began, we were told that on average 6,200 children die each day from hunger related causes. That is one every 14 seconds. Each one of these deaths is preventable because there is plenty of food it is just not where it is needed most. FMSC is a Christian nonprofit organization working to feed the children most in need. Every meal is packed, paid for, and distributed by volunteers. After hearing this, we were all ready to get started.

Packing a meal involves placing scoops of rice, soy, vitamins and minerals, and dried vegetables into a funnel. A bag at the base of the funnel collects the ingredients and then is heat sealed. This scientifically developed formula helps to treat and prevent malnutrition. There were several of these work stations trying to pack as many meals as possible. Before I knew it we were told time was up. After a brief cleanup we came together to hear the results. We packed over 67,000 meals! That is enough to feed 184 children for a year.

After the event I could not stop thinking about it. Never have I felt like I was part of something that made such an impact in the lives of those in need. I wanted to bring my experience to others so I started to tell people about my experience and my desire to bring an event to the Lehigh Valley. Everyone was very supportive so I contacted FMSC to see if it would be possible. It makes me so proud to say that on **the weekend of October 12th of this year we at Union UCC will be hosting the first ever FMSC mobile pack event in the Lehigh Valley**. Please consider getting involved. Together we will turn hunger into hope for children in need.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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

Please contact Amanda, in the church office at 610-767-6961 or administrator@unionucc.org for forms and room availability.



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Facebook

www.facebook.com/unionneffs

Home Visitation Members Birthdays



**Geraldine M.
Schafer—May 4**

Cedarbrook Nursing Home
350 South Cedarbrook Rd.
D319
Allentown, PA 18104

Terrance Rohr—May 8
4952 Hoffmansville Rd
Orefield PA 18069



Sunday, May 6, 2018

Confirmation Day/Acolyte Recognition

8:00am Heritage Service

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

Text: John 15:9-17

Message: Friendly Faces

Preacher: Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: 8:00– Doug Albert

10:30 - Confirmation Teaching Team

Greeters: Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones

Acolytes: 8:00AM – Andy Hill

10:30 AM—Marissa Christman, Katherine Schaedel

Sunday, May 20, 2018

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service-Baptism

A Three Week Series on the Prayer of Jesus:

"Pray then in this way..."

"Give us this day our daily bread." -- Matthew 6:11

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00– Brad Hackett

10:30 - Doug Kuntz

Greeters: Karl & Karen Imdorf, Mark & Debbie Daluisio

Acolytes: 8:00AM –

10:30AM– Mitchell Roth, Cameron Kuntz

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Mother's Day

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

A Three Week Series on the Prayer of Jesus: "Pray then in this way..."

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." -- Matthew 6:9 and "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." -- Matthew 6:10

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00—Sue Steinmann

10:30—SueAnn Hregician

Greeters: Todd & Amy McCoy, SueAnn Hregician

Acolytes: 8:00AM –Nickolaus Schmidt

10:30AM–

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Memorial Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

A Three Week Series on the Prayer of Jesus:

"Pray then in this way..."

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." -- Matthew 6:12

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: 8:00– Susan Rumble

10:30 - Donna Christman

Greeters: Ron Snyder, Ruth Ensley

Acolytes: 8:00AM – Mitchell Roth

10:30AM– Grace Baer

**New Acolyte Training:
May 20th 11:45am in
the Sanctuary**

**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 6—Welcoming Committee
May 13- Mother's Day

Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
7/1/2017	\$9,644.00	\$31,965.00	\$41,609.00
Income	\$315,553.00	\$32,708.00	\$348,261.00
Expense	\$266,301.00	\$37,560.00	\$303,861.00
3/31/2018	\$58,896.00	\$27,113.00	\$86,009.00

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>		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	<u>Total</u>
	8AM	10:30AM		
March 4	57	206	CFW	263
March 11	94	185	25	304
March 18	76	252	41	369
March 25	87	280	34	401

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

March 2017–1,224 March 2018– 1,337

AVG ATTENDANCE

March 2017–295 March 2018– 334

Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

You helped the church raise over \$3,000 this year with your donations of clothing.

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.

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Music Office	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30

May 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>12pm</u> Golden Times <u>6pm</u> Cherub Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Junior/Middler Choir <u>7pm</u> Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	2 <u>9am</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	3 <u>9:30am</u> Bible Journaling <u>7pm</u> Chime Choir; Christian Ed	4 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Adult Study	5 <u>9am</u> Country Sale
7 <u>9:30am</u> Adv. Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> FOLG	8 <u>9am</u> Staff Meeting <u>12pm</u> Program Staff <u>6pm</u> Cherub Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Junior/Middler Choir <u>7pm</u> Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	9 <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6pm</u> High School Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>7pm</u> Budget Committee	10 <u>7pm</u> Chime Choir	11 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Adult Study <u>12pm</u> PNEC Set-up	12 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
14 <u>9:30am</u> Adv. Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit <u>6:45pm</u> Consistory	15 <u>7pm</u> Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	16 <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6pm</u> High School Choir; <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	17 <u>9:30am</u> Bible Journaling	18 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Adult Study <u>5pm</u> Wedding Rehearsal	19 <u>4pm</u> Wedding
21 <u>9:30am</u> Adv. Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	22 <u>9am</u> Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Program Staff <u>7pm</u> Bible Study <u>7:30pm</u> Unity Choir	23 <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6pm</u> High School Choir <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	24	25 <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>9:30am</u> Adult Study	26
28 <u>9:30am</u> Adv. Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	29 <u>9am</u> Newsletter <u>7pm</u> Bible Study	30 <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	31		
SUNDAYS					
6 Confirmation <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	13 Mother's 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/Children's Church <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds Pre-Baptism	20 <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-Baptism/Children's Church <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds Acolyte Training	27 Memorial Sunday <u>8am</u> Heritage Service <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds Horizon Singers <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds		