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

## Church Family Picnic—Aug. 12

**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. 3**

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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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**

PIG OUT at Union UCC's  
**BACKYARD BBQ BASH**

*Saturday, September 15, 2018*

**TIMEWHY?S** (5:30-8:30)

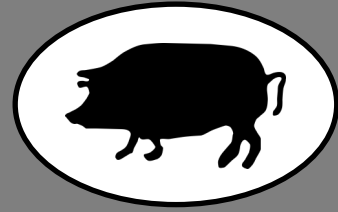
*Winner of 2017 Reader's Choice Award for Best Local Band*

**Music sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home**

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

*Food tickets will be available for presale in August*

**SAVE THE DATE! FREE Admission!**



## Consistory By Susan Neal Subject to Approval

The monthly meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting was called to order on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by President Aften Hamm.

The Treasurer's report and the May-June 2018 bills were presented and approved.

**Property and Maintenance Committee reported** that Koren Plumbing replaced a small water heater, repaired a toilet. Gutters were recently cleaned, slate repairs and final pavement on the grove parking lot was completed.

**Christian Education Committee reported** next meeting will be held on August 2, 2018. VBS begins next week!!

**Mission Committee reported** that through the FOLG Urffer fund, donations were made to the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown, and a mission donation was made to an English-speaking school in Africa.

**Church and Ministry Committee reported** they are working on posting Tara's job, and creating a job description for that posting. Pastor Kayli will be attending a class focusing on Youth and Theology.

**Welcoming Committee reported** that Make Your Own Sundae Sunday is 6/24 and postcards were sent to remind church members of upcoming church events this summer.

**Financial Leadership Committee reported** that the next meeting is 8/15/2018.

**Fellowship Committee reported that** the next meeting is 8/6/2018, and that will be focused on getting ready for the church picnic to be held on 8/12/2018.

**Worship Committee reported that there** was no recent meeting held and no report.

# Mission Committee

## Thank You

From Phoebe Ministries

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$1,400 to Phoebe? Because of your generosity, Phoebe is able to meet the needs of older adults through diverse options, comprehensive care and exceptional educational programs. From independent living to affordable housing to skilled nursing, charitable contributions truly make a difference in the daily lives of our seniors.

A second thank you for your recent gift of \$600 from your Mother's Day collection.

Bethany Children's Home

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,275 to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund. Your Easter Mission gift will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.

Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

## Family Promise Update

Pastor Kris , Mission Cmte

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.

*The group leading this effort continues to work hard doing fundraising and locating a location for the Day Center and offices. We will keep you posted with updates and timelines when we know more information.*

## God's Garden Gifts

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

## Men's Group

We'd like to kick things off by rekindling an old favorite - **the Bean Bag Tournament in the Grove.**  
**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-9pm.**

This is for guys (and their kids). Teams of 2 will compete in a friendly round of bean bags. Hot dogs, beverages & ice cream provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share.

Future events will include service projects, trips, breakfasts, hikes, fundraisers and more. Some events will be just for the guys and others will include spouses, families and all church friends.

Mark your calendars and watch for more info from Pastor Kris



## Blues Nite Out

Summer is here, start planning for picnics, reunions, concerts, amusement parks, beach fun, and more. Then start thinking about Blues Nite Out this August. Mark your calendars now - **Friday August 24** for a fun night with the return of **Jake Kaligis** and his band, and **Saturday August 25** starting with Bev Conklin, who will be making a return performance in the grove, with **BC's Combo Band**, then headliner and local favorite, **The Sarah Ayers Band**.

Always two great nights of music for all to enjoy.

Neffs Church Grove's **new food stand** will be welcoming everyone this year. The food stand **opens on Friday at 5:00 and Saturday at 4:00**. Stop in for turkey BBQ, pulled pork and sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, chili, home made deserts, and lots of ice cream. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, let's fill up the grove for Blues Nite Out 2018, our fifteenth year!!!!

See you then for food, fun and fellowship in our church grove.



Follow us on  
*Instagram*

[www.instagram.com/unionuccneffs/](http://www.instagram.com/unionuccneffs/)



By Annette Wilcox

### Where School Memories Begin

Summer is in full bloom in the Preschool which means the halls are quiet and the days are long without the laughter of the children. This June we hosted playgroups for our students and their families in the Grove to encourage socialization and communication skills. Summer is the perfect time for families to give their children some "structured freedom"- keeping the children in safe and supervised settings, but allowing them to explore new areas and new types of play. As the Preschool learns of community activities appropriate for our families, we will post them on our Facebook page, so be sure to check us out.

We have begun preparations for Preschool in the Park on August 16th at 9:30 in the church Grove for our registered students and anyone interested in coming to have fun and learn more about our wonderful program. For more information contact the preschool at [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) or 610-767-5327.

**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—

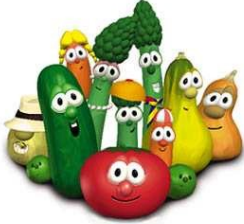
**[www.unionucc.org/preschool](http://www.unionucc.org/preschool)**





Contact: Kathy Bonsell  
Phone: 610-767-6961  
Email: [dired@unionucc.org](mailto: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 VEGGIE-TALES on Outdoor Service Sundays or if we don't have two leaders to "run the show.")

**Attention Adults and Youth:** Thank you to all who signed up to lead this program. We can't offer this without you!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL...are officially on vacation until **September 9th** (mark your calendar). Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Wanted: **Children's Church** volunteers for the 2018-2019 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](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)). **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.**

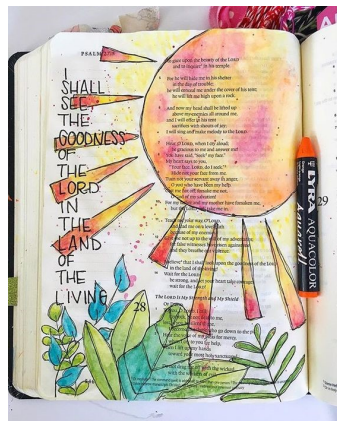


## JOIN the CE COMMITTEE!

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

- HOAGIE SALE
- TRUNK OR TREAT (Oct. 20)
- MESSYCHURCH WORKSHOPS
- BIRTHDAY CARDS for our littlest members and children at Bethany Home.
- ADVENT BASKETS (mission project)

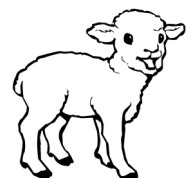
## WHAT'S IN YOUR BIBLE?



Our *Bible Journaling* group has been meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month this year. We have been studying the Bible in creative and colorful ways. Our group has doubled this year, but there is still room for you!

*Bible Journaling* will be taking a summer vacation. We will start up again in October. See Kathy for details.

**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. 9th and need a partner every Sunday for the 2018-2019 session.



# Youth Group News

*\*Summer Time Edition: featuring Summer Time Funsies\**

Everyone have a safe and fun summer!

## Summer "Hang-In" Nights

Where: In the Grove

Time: 6pm-8pm\*

Date: Wednesday July 11

Wednesday August 15

Join us for an evening of food, fun, games, fellowship! Friends welcome!!

Parents, chaperone help is always needed and appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**AUGUST 31, 2018**

SUMMER ADVENTURE OUTING BEING PLANNED

HAVE AN IDEA? LET PASTOR KAYLI OR DAVE D KNOW!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

## Keep Your Eyes Peeled...

### Sleep-out for Homelessness

Join us as we raise awareness for homelessness in our

area as well as raise money for Valley Youth house!

**Date: September 29-30**

Location: TBD

More info is coming, but save the date start getting excited for this mission opportunity

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:15-10:15am

#### RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

##### THE MUNCH BUNCH

(6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade 2nd Floor Room 203)

##### CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

##### THE BREAKFAST CLUB

(9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Room 4)

**For more information contact:**

**Pastor Kayli** [PastorKayli@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKayli@unionucc.org)

**Or Dave DiPaolantonio** at 610-349-9162 and [youthgroup@unionucc.org](mailto:youthgroup@unionucc.org).

**Facebook: Union UCC 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).

# Property Committee

by Phil Wehr

On August 27, 2017 work began to tear down the old food stand in the grove. Nine months later in May 2018, the new food stand was finished, a new driveway installed, and the grass was growing. Everything was ready by the end of June for Union UCC to celebrate with the first outdoor worship service, Build Your Own Sundae Sunday, and Vacation Bible School. What a great new addition to Union UCC's church grove, the last big piece of the puzzle to the grove improvement plan started back in 2007 with the building of the stage and grove parking lot.

Thank you to the many subcontractors who worked to build our beautiful new food stand. Your work will be appreciated by many in the future.

Koren Plumbing - Plumbing and sink installation  
Barry Reitz, Casey's Crossing Const - framing and concrete  
Terry Haas Masonry - Block and stone installation  
Phil Long Siding - Sidings, ceilings, gutters  
Walnutport Door - Serving windows  
Agentis Kitchens - quartz countertops  
Lorah Excavation - grading of grounds  
Grace Industries - stand removal, hydro seeding of lawn  
Hohenshilt Crane Service - removal of trees  
Tree of Life - removal of trees  
Mertz Signs - grove signs

Thank you to the following groups or individuals who provided donations to plant new trees, buy new stainless steel tables, kitchen appliances, picnic tables and other needs for the food stand.

Blues Nite Out, May Yard Sale, Backyard BBQ Bash, The Fellowship Committee, John & Gloria Simock, Mary Ann Wagner, Phil & Julie Wehr, Bonnie Herzog, The Memorial Fund

Thank you to Union UCC's endowment fund, The Funds of Lasting Gifts, for funding the new paved driveway to the food stand, new drainage along the road, costs for the holding tank for the new sink, two new light poles in the grove, and the removal of trees and the old food stand during the beginning of the project.

Now is the time to celebrate, and make a new memory in Union UCC's church grove, join us this summer.

Give Praise.



## Hall and Room Use Policy for Church Members

We often have requests for members to use the church building for things like birthday parties or anniversaries. The Consistory has approved an updated policy for this purpose in order to cover our expenses.

The suggested fees for using the church for personal or family events are listed below:

Fellowship Hall and Kitchen	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Memorial Hall	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Youth Room	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Grove	\$60 Usage	



## CLASS OF 2018

### MORAVIAN ACADEMY

**Bailey Hancharik**  
Vassar College

### NORTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL

**Emily Zellner**  
Muhlenberg College-Chef

**Casey Miller**

**Dakota Miller**

**NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH**  
**Caleb Bachman**  
Penn State-Chemical Engineering

**Justin Solt**  
LCCC/Kutztown-Secondary Education/Instructional Technology

**PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Dylan Baron**  
Lincoln Tech

**Alexia DeNardo**  
Scranton University-Occupational Therapy

**AJ DiPaolantonio**  
Kutztown University -Business / Finance.

**Lindsay Gelb**  
University of Delaware - Veterinary Medicine and Chemistry

**Michael Gombos**  
Temple University - Business/ Finance

**Alex Hill**  
University of Pittsburgh - Biomedical Engineering

**Mollie Jarrett**  
West Chester University - Elementary and Special Education

**Connor Kistler**  
Kutztown University - Seeking an accelerated Masters degree in Computer Science

**Madison Lauffer**  
Eastern University-Pre-Med and Spanish

**Olivia Neal**  
Bloomsburg University-Sign Language Interpretation/English Interpretation

**Matt Rice**  
Penn State Harrisburg-Engineering

**Makenzie Wolfe**  
Clarion University -Elementary Education

**WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Megan Herbine**  
Susquehanna University - Math

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**  
**Ashleigh Albert**  
Bachelor's of Arts in Journalism, Rowan University Summa Cum Laude.

**Claire Bachman**  
BS in Biology, Mansfield University Magna Cum Laude.

**Alison Dyszel**  
Bachelors in Medical Studies, DeSales University.

**Ally Fella**  
Bachelor of Science in Medical Studies, DeSales University, Summa Cum Laude.

**Erica Gamble**  
Bachelor degree in Business, Kutztown University

**Kelly Gruber**  
Bachelors of Science in Small Animal Science, Delaware Valley University

**Paige Haring**  
BS in Applied Mathematics with minors in Computer Science and Linguistics from University of Pittsburgh

**Paige Horner**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

**Tara Henninger**  
Master of Science in Arts Administration, Drexel University

**Stephen Kareha**  
Ph.D. from Nova Southeastern University

**Nathaniel Kern**  
BS in Athletic Training, Boston University.

**Zach Merkle**  
Will graduate in December 2018 from Mansfield University with degree in Elementary Education/Special Education

**Trisha Nagle**  
Associates Degree from LCCC.

**Sarah Ochs**  
Bachelors of Science in Medical Studies from DeSales University

**Emily Seier**  
BS in Psychology from Lehigh University

**Brandon Selig**  
Bachelors in Psychology from Rowan University

**Hannah C. Smith**  
Michigan State University Honors College, BSC in Molecular Genetics and Genomics and Microbiology (double majors)

**Audrey Wrobel**  
Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology, Temple University



### 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, Al  
Stubbman

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,  
2018 at  
10:30am  
worship!**



## Adult Study

### Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris

9:30am-11am – Room 5 (Basement) Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

### Sunday Morning Adult Class with Rev. Patience, Pastor Kris and Lay Leaders

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

**Both Classes will resume in September. See you then!**

## 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 non-profit 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 12-14**

**Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event at Union UCC**

**Watch for sign up information soon!**

<https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/1810-188mi-neffs-pa-lehigh-valley/c166654>



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*Brian Selig, Rick Simock and Jason Simock are our Catch the Spirit recipients for July/August 2018. They were nominated by the for their work on the church grove. Brian will be recognized August 26 at 10:30am worship service.*

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**Rick Simock** grew up here at Union UCC-getting baptized, confirmed and married here. Rick heads Simock Construction and in his spare time is an avid hunter and motorcycle rider/enthusiast. Over the years, Rick has been involved in Youth Group, Confirmation, Sunday School, Boy Scouts (he reached the rank of Eagle Scout) all at Union UCC. He has many fond memories of Youth Group and Confirmation Class with Pastor Tom. One of his favorite memories was of helping prepare the Communion wine with Consistory member, Jake Weber, at the age of twelve.

Rick is married to Caroline and he has two sons, Scott in California, and Jason, who works with him. Rick took over Simock Construction when his dad, John, retired. He appreciates that their company was asked to work on all parts of the grove from parking lot to buildings over the years. He says he felt it was a big honor to work on the church grove where he and his dad put in so much work over the years. During Hurricane Sandy, he checked on the church and grove and discovered a leak from a spire that blew off. Rick with his father John, and son, Jason helped to temporarily fix the leak and the spires that were damaged.

Thank you Rick for you dedication to the church and its maintenance.

**Brian Selig** is married to Karen since 1987; sons Justin and Brandon were born in 1989 and 1995 respectively. Both boys were baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. They both were involved in Sunday School, Children's Church, youth group and VBS. When Brandon got older, he helped with Sunday School and Children's Church. He also worked the sound system during church services. Karen has been a Children's Church Teacher since 1988 and a Sunday School Teacher since around 1991. As needed, Brian has helped her in the classroom. This September, they will be adding a daughter-in-law to their family. Justin will be getting married to Tara Dwyer.

As for the background of his faith growing up, Brian says, "I attended Ruchsville Sunday School until I was about 12 years old at which time I then started attending Union Sunday School. I was confirmed at Union UCC and during my teenage years, recorded the services for homebound members on cassette tapes."

At Union UCC Brian has served on Consistory where he was Head Deacon and was President of the Board of Governors. He was the youngest President of the Board of Governors in the history of the church. During that time, he was also a member of the Harvest Home Committee. Besides helping Karen with children's ministry, he was a God Guide for the Confirmation Class. His favorite church memories are marrying wife, Karen, and also the baptisms of their two sons.

Brian has been employed in the family business, Selig Electric, officially since graduating high school, but was working long before that with grandfather, Fred Selig Jr. and father, Fred Selig III. In 2013, Brian became the owner of Selig Electric. Selig Electric has done many electrical projects for the church over the years, including the Grove.

Brian talks about his hobbies: "Whenever we can, we like to travel as a family, especially to historical places. One of our family's favorite places is Gettysburg. We also enjoy going to Tioga County where we love to kayak and hike and to Cape May where I enjoy surf fishing. We even hunt as a family."

Thank you Brian, for your hard work and generosity.

# Tales from the Road

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

## *Did You Know?*

I'm sure you remember the old adage, "Children are to be seen but not heard." I think we are in a new age where the children and youth in our lives are speaking truths that we must pay attention to. A wise person I know has coined a new phrase that I think is very pertinent to our times, "When our children (and young adults) speak, we must listen."

Our Adult Education class was treated to another young voice inspiring us to care more for God's gift of creation, this time by Rachel DiPaolantonio. Rachel was born and raised in Neffs, PA. She was baptized and confirmed at Union UCC, where she served in a variety of capacities. Rachel was a youth group intern, the Sunday Set Up Person and a volunteer with the pre-school children at VBS. Rachel is a junior at the University of Rhode Island where she is studying to be a pharmacist.

Rachel was challenged to pay more attention to her own actions and their impact on the environment by a friend in high school. Since that time she has found many ways to change her own behavior and influence others'. Rachel shared a wonderful Power Point presentation with our class which included some staggering statistics about how our habits impact the environment. Did you that that in the US alone we use enough single use straws EVERY DAY to go around the world 2 ½ times? In her first year at the University of Rhode Island, Rachel was invited by a friend to participate in a service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. Rachel committed to participating in weekly service projects, such as campus and beach clean ups and is currently using her leadership gifts to serve as the Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega. Rachel also enjoys helping the environment by shopping at thrift stores and consignment shops (reusing) and watching YouTube videos about ways to help the environment.

Rachel brought along lots of "Show and Tell" items to inspire us to help the environment in very practical ways. Some of the tools of her environmentally conscious toolkit include: a reusable metal straw, a set of bamboo utensils (to avoid plastic if you get takeout food), a reusable glass Mason jar for her iced coffee, a refillable glass water bottle reinforced with silicone and a small glass jar for snacks that she purchases and refills at the bulk section of her grocery store. Rachel also brought along small containers for refilling shampoo and make up, which greatly reduces excess use of plastic containers.

One of the most valuable tools Rachel gave us was to expand our motto, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to include REFUSE. For example, when you are in a restaurant and your server first approaches your table to take your drink order, ask them NOT to give you a straw. Once a server puts a straw on the table it must be thrown out. Sadly, most straws are not recyclable in our local recycling centers. Speaking up to refuse your straw at the beginning of your meal can begin to cut down on the terrible problem of single use plastic waste in our world.

The class discussed many ways we can make small changes in our lifestyles to benefit the environment. While it can take some time and effort, it is possible to stop some of the junk mail that comes to your mailbox. Thanks to Rachel we can follow this link: <http://prc.org/learn-act/stop-junk-mail/>.

Many thanks to Rachel DiPaolantonio for inspiring us to be better stewards of God's gift of creation.

## Golden Times

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

Our next gathering will be  
**In October**

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

**12 noon – 1:30pm**  
**FREE**

Have a great summer! See  
you in the fall!

## Summer Special Music

Please talk to Blake Hoppes or  
sign up at: [signupgenius.com/  
go/10c0f4daca723a0ff2-neffs2](http://signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a0ff2-neffs2)  
to offer music during worship  
this summer. We are so  
grateful for the many children,  
youth and adults who share  
their musical talents to inspire  
us in worship.

### 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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)  
for forms and room  
availability.

## 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](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Amanda at [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto: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 Amanda or email [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

## Vitality Days with Rev. Michael Piazza

Our Consistory and Leadership Planning Team has made a commitment to attend 4 one-day training sessions with Michael Piazza and other UCC churches in the Penn Northeast Conference in the next year.

Sessions will include topics like: **Transformational Worship, Structure and Stewardship, Craft Church Evangelism, and Vintage Church Renewal**.

We're looking forward to this chance to discover new ways to be God's church. Please keep our leaders in your prayers and be sure to watch for some new ideas.

Special thanks to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for their financial support of this opportunity.

## Staff Updates from Pastor Kris

**Tara Henninger, our Communications Coordinator, has announced her resignation** effective June 14. She recently graduated with a Masters in Arts Administration and has a new job with the Lehigh Valley Arts Council. We wish her all the best. We will miss her and her creativity, dedication, and hard work. She has graciously agreed to help us during this transition. If you'd like to send her a card or cash gift to thank her for her 12 years of service, please place it in Pastor Kris's mailbox or give it to Pastor Kris. We'll be thanking Tara in worship on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. When we have more information, we will post a position on Indeed.com, our church's Facebook page and the Sunday bulletin.

## Home Visitation Birthdays

**Eleanor Kistler—July 4**

2033 Becker St.  
Allentown, PA  
18106



**Ed Allwine—July 5**

Hometown Nursing & Rehab  
149 Lafayette Ave.  
Tamaqua, PA 18252

**Violet Baer - July 17**

Phoebe Bridgeways  
Rm 362D  
1925 W. Turner St.  
Allentown, PA 18104

**Norman Hunsicker-July 18**

Fellowship Villa  
3000 Fellowship Dr. Rm 320  
Whitehall, PA 18052

**Joan Fenstermaker - July 18**

4138 Hampshire Ct.  
Allentown, PA 18104

**Beatrice Hregician - Aug. 3**

4116 Route 309  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

**Sondra Mertz—Aug. 19**

5226 Route 873  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

**Harry Burger—Aug. 20**

3859 Woodland Dr.  
PO Box 114  
Neffs, PA 18065

**Catherine Haberern—Aug. 26**

Heather Glenn Asst Living  
415 Blue Barn Rd  
Allentown, PA 18104





### Sunday, July 1, 2018

American Heritage Sunday

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-**

**Text:** 1 John 4:7-16

**Message:** Love

**Preacher:** Rev. Kayli Freeman

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

10:30 - Donna Christman

**Greeters:** Carol Pope, Ron Pope, Greg & Johanna Zellner

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM— Lila Cygan

10:30AM -

### Sunday, July 8, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

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

**Text:** Psalm 48

**Message:** The City of God

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

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Sue Steinmann

10:30 - Michael Roth

**Greeters:** Jim & Edie Fella, Karl & Cathy Schmidt

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM —

10:30AM-Gracie Trexler, Leah Horvath

### Sunday, July 15, 2018

Blessing of the Animals/Blessing of our Eastern Regional Youth Event Travelers

**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:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

**Message:** What Moves You?

**Preacher:** Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson

**Lay Readers:** 8:00AM — Brad Hackett

10:30AM - Youth

**Greeters:** Gene & Christian Thrash, Jen Haley

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM —Samantha Christman

### Sunday, July 22, 2018

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Preacher:** Susan Glosan, member/Religion major Muhlenberg

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Sandra Craig

10:30 - Harry Burger

**Greeters:** John & Debbie Romig, Marcey Kroll

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM —

10:30AM - Naomi Henninger, Riley Cordova

### Sunday, July 29, 2018

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-**

**Text:** John 6: 1-21

**Message:** Imagine That!

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

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Don Penrod 10:30 - Doug Kuntz

**Greeters:** Doug & Angie Kuntz, Malcolm & Margie Mackenzie

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM—

10:30AM - Riley Cordova

### Sunday, August 5, 2018

Communion/Healing Service

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-**

**Text:** John 6:24-35

**Message:**What Satisfies You?

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

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Susan Rumble 10:30 - Chrissy Shivok

**Greeters:** Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM— Lila Cygan

10:30AM - Riley Cordova

### Sunday, August 12, 2018

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/Church Family Picnic

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service-Outdoor Worship**

**Guest Music and Message:** Holy Ground from PA Adult and Teen Challenge

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Carol Pope

10:30 - Sueann Hregician

**Greeters:** Todd & Amy McCoy, Sueann Hregician

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM—

### Sunday, August 19, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Psalm 111

**Message:** God's Startups

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

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Brad Hackett 10:30 - Vicki Mayk

**Greeters:** Karen & Karl Imdorf, Mark & Debbie Daluisio

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM— Riley Cordova

10:30AM—Gracie Trexler, Samantha Christman

### Sunday, August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Message:** Arm Yourself

**Preacher:** Rev. Kayli Freeman

**Lay Readers:** 8:00— Doug Albert 10:30 - Donna Christman

**Greeters:** Connie & Ralph Gioielli, Dennis & Debbie De-frain

**Acolytes:** 8:00AM—

10:30AM—Naomi Henninger, Leah Horvath

# Financial & Attendance Reports

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
7-1-2017	\$9,644	\$31,965	\$41,609
Income	\$427,803	\$50,269	\$478,072
Expenses	\$387,544	\$59,757	\$447,301
5-31-2018	\$49,903	\$22,477	\$72,380

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

	<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>CC/ Video/ Nursery</u>	
<u>Date</u>	8AM	10:30AM		<u>Total</u>
May 6	50	288	CFW	338
May 13	73	167	31	271
May 20	56	185	56	297
May 27	65	115	CFW	180

## TOTAL ATTENDANCE

May 2017–1,069 May 2018– 1,058

## AVG ATTENDANCE

May 2017–267 May 2018– 265

## Deaths

**Shirley Levan** passed away on June 7, 2018 and was laid to rest June 12, 2018.

## Weddings

**John Gacesa and Carol Fella** were united in marriage under the care of Union UCC on June 16, 2018.

## Memorials

In memory of **Alice Stephen:**  
Susan Davids  
Beth Cherry



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

**July 15**

**August 12/Picnic: Guest Music &**

**Message: Holy Ground from PA Adult & Teen Challenge** -Hear the honest and inspiring faith stories and music of Holy Ground. Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge is a leading drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation treatment center that provides highly specialized treatment by offering a medically-monitored inpatient detoxification, 30-day inpatient clinical program for short-term rehabilitation, and a long-term residential faith-centered program.

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Kathy Bonsell	ext. 27
Music Office	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30

# July 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <u>9:30am</u> Tai Chi <u>6:30pm</u> Spiritually Fit	<b>3</b>	<b>4 CHURCH OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> <u>7pm</u> Christian Ed	<b>6</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>7</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters; Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>12</b> <u>10am</u> Preschool Board	<b>13</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>14</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>21</b> <u>12pm</u> Private Party
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>28</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## SUNDAYS

<b>1 American Heritage</b> <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service VeggieTakes <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds Pre-Baptism	<b>8</b> <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/Baptism VeggieTakes <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	<b>15 Blessing of the Animals</b>  <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	<b>22</b>  <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ VeggieTakes  <u>11:30am</u> Holy Grounds	<b>29</b>  <u>8am</u> Heritage Service  <u>9:15 - 10:15 am</u> Holy Grounds  <u>10:30am</u> Horizon Service/ VeggieTakes
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# August 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>7pm</u> Church & Ministry	<b>2</b> <u>7pm</u> Christian Ed	<b>3</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>4</b> <u>4pm</u> Wedding
<b>6</b> <u>7pm</u> FOLG; Fellowship Committee	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>6pm</u> Men’s Group	<b>15</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters; Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Knitwits <u>7pm</u> Financial Leadership	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	<b>18</b> <u>10:30am</u> Private Party
<b>20</b> <u>6:45pm</u> Consistory	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep <u>7pm</u> Blues Nite Out	<b>25</b> <u>4pm</u> Blues Nite Out
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>9am</u> Newsletter Mailing	<b>29</b> <u>9am</u> Busy Bee Quilters; Staff Meeting <u>10am</u> Knitwits	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u>9am</u> Bulletin Prep	
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