

## Welcome Back from Summer! Pastor Kris



How was your summer? I hope it was a blessing to you and to those you love. Welcome back to the school and church year. Our newsletter is packed with info about ways to love and serve God and others here. We hope that you'll find several things that fit your passions, interests and schedule. Please see our directory update on page 3.

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

*Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018*

### TIMEWHY?S

*Winner of 2017 Reader's Choice Award  
for Best Local Band 5:30-8:30  
sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home*

**BBQ TICKETS ON  
SALE Sept. 9 and at  
THE EVENT  
CHICKEN and PORK  
DINNERS**

\$10 meal (includes fries,  
coleslaw and drink)  
**50/50 DRAWING**

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

**Admission!**

*Sponsors recognized on  
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## Basket Social Wednesday Oct. 3

Doors open at 5:30pm,  
drawing at 7pm. \$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.

## Harvest Home Sunday: September 23<sup>rd</sup>

This is a Sunday to give God thanks for the food that is harvested by gardeners, growers and farmers. It is a chance to share those blessings with others.

- Sponsor a mum to be delivered to members on our visitation list or to decorate the sanctuary. *See page 14*
- Bring your items to church for display on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-5pm**. We're looking for garden produce that you've grown or purchased. These items will go to the food bank.
- Donate food items like cereal, pasta, canned fruit/vegetables, soup, PB&J for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Bring these items on Harvest Home Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Consistory** By Dede Bliger

### **August 2018 Consistory Actions**

The following items were presented and approved by Consistory:

Funding to cover any emergency miscellaneous property repairs, from Funds of Lasting Gifts (FOLG)

Replacement of the carillon system with a digital unit, from FOLG

Financial mailings and printing of stewardship materials, from FOLG

New ministries for the church as needed by the pastors and staff, from FOLG

Abby Hill to the position of Assistant Instrumental Choir Director

Lighting upgrade in library, from FOLG

Processing fee for donated software, from General Fund

### **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.

## **From the Property Committee** By Phil Wehr

Summer Greetings. Lots of property repairs and projects around the church property are happening this summer. Unfortunately within two weeks in July, two different small hot water heaters blew in two bathrooms, causing some water damage in the basement men's room. Both were replaced quickly by Koren Plumbers, and ceiling damage repaired by Simock Construction and Selig Electric.

Three new drinking fountains were installed around the building, one in Fellowship Hall, one by the Preschool, and one in the main hall. Thank you to the Memorial Fund for providing the funds for this upgrade.

The blacktop in the small parking lot has been sealed, along with cracks filled and sealed, and then new lines painted. Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for providing funds for this summer project.

Our facility caretaker Ori has been busy cleaning the floors and providing a new coat of wax on the floors in most of the rooms and hallways, and Maria has continued to clean the sanctuary and bathrooms on a regular basis. Thank you both for keeping our property clean and fresh.

Our church grove is back and being enjoyed by many this summer. Recent events include VBS week, Girl Scout Summer Camp, outdoor worships, the Lion's Festival, Blues Nite Out, and the upcoming Backyard BBQ Bash. We are receiving lots of compliments from our members and the community for all of the upgrades to the church grove this past decade. In fact, they LOVE our grove.

Union UCC is blessed, come out and enjoy our grove and our church.  
Peace to all.

***We will add additional events during the year. Watch our newsletter, bulletin announcements, Facebook page and weekly emails for more info.***

***Sign up to receive email updates by texting UNIONUCC to 22828***



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## Bible Journaling

will return  
Oct. 4 and Oct. 17  
Room 5  
9:30-11:30

### MEN'S GROUP Events from Pastor Kris

Our men's group enjoyed their Bean Bag Tournament and Picnic in the Grove in August. Next event:

#### **October 6: Breakfast and Hike 10am Church**

Meet at the church at 10am for a healthy, energizing breakfast followed by a hike at the Lehigh Valley Game Preserve.

Make sure to wear durable but comfortable shoes, bring water, and dress weather appropriate. Any Questions see Pastor Kayli, Dave DiPaolantonio, or Ed Normann. This is a church wide event, everyone is welcome.

Future events will include service projects, trips, shows, Phantoms, Pigs, 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

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

from Pastor Kris

We have the first draft of the picture directory and it looks great! Thank you to everyone who participated and to our team of organizers. **The next step is getting your permission to print your contact info.** Having your address and phone number available to other church members allows us to keep in touch with one another for things like sending cards, checking on each other and asking for your help with projects. We hope that you will be willing to share your information with other church members through our picture directory. Watch for more information by postcard and worship bulletin inserts on how to opt in to being a part of the church directory. **We will need every household to respond. If you do not respond, your info will not be published.**



## **We have a CHURCH LIBRARY!**

Did you know we have a treasure upstairs, behind the Memory Room? We have quite a wonderful collection of children's books and large collection of adult non-fiction. Our fiction section is also growing! The next time you are at church, check out our library or better yet, check out some books!

### ***Have YOU ever borrowed a book from our library?***

We currently have 100 OVERDUE books! If you find one on your shelves, please return it to the library or the library mailbox (outside the office). **Thanks!**



## **Women's Retreat 2019**

**Union UCC Women's Retreat Weekend  
April 5-7, 2019**

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$135, Collecting \$75 Deposit anytime now through Jan 13, Balance \$60 Due March 3.

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat Friends and Family members are welcome too.

Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

### **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.

We meet September – June.



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



**Backpack  
Sunday**

### SEPTEMBER 9th is BACKPACK SUNDAY!

Bring your backpack to church (*filled with school supplies to donate*) for the 10:30 worship. Start the school year off with a special blessing!

## SEPTEMBER

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS

**Sept. 9 Church Family Worship**

*Backpack Sunday*

**Sept. 16 James 3:1-12**

**Sept. 23 Mark 9:30-37**

*Harvest Home*

**Sept. 30 Church Family Worship**

## Children's Church

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Church opens its doors during the 10:30 worship service. Three year olds through sixth grade join us after Children's Time in the sanctuary. 1st-6th Grade move to Room 7 for a large group lesson, songs and prayer and then we work on activities for the lesson. Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners meet and stay in room 100. Parents meet their children at their classrooms after the worship service. Grade levels are combined to support the "Safe Child" policy and to ensure a sufficient number of volunteers for our program.

**Preschool/Kindergarten – Room 100**

**1st –6th Grade – Room 7**

We will use the **WHIRL** curriculum. This curriculum is lectionary and includes videos and leaflets.

**PARENTS:** There are many great ideas in the leaflets to explore during the week. Our Preschool/K classroom will use 'Lil K, a "Blue's Clues" for Sunday School video program.

**We still could use a few volunteers to help us with this year's Children's Church.** No experience is necessary. Join us one Sunday a month! It's only 6-7 Sundays a year!

Contact Kathy Bonsell (dired@unionucc.org).



**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL—Join us on Sept. 9th during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15)

Parents of all age levels are asked to bring their children to FELLOWSHIP HALL at 9:15 for an overview of the year.

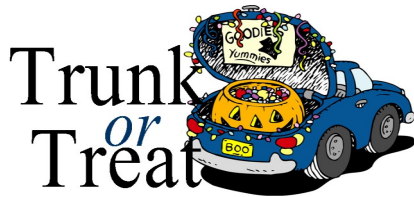
Classroom assignments:

**Preschool /Kindergarten– Room 100**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Room 7**

**3<sup>rd</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Fellowship Hall**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (The Munch Bunch) – office on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

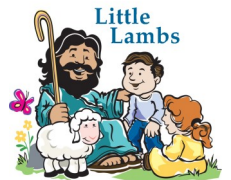


A **Trunk or Treat** is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

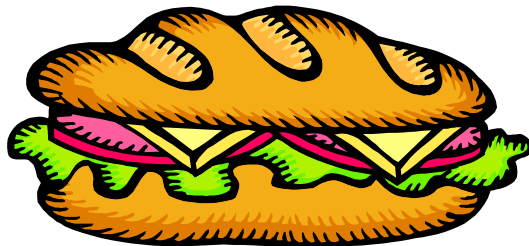
We will be hosting our **TRUNK OR TREAT** here at Union UCC on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 20th from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Last year, we had over 200 trunk-or-treaters. We would love to see more cars this year! If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy or sign up on her office door. Participating means you will **decorate your trunk** and **provide candy** for the trunk or treaters (costumes are optional). Please sign up by Oct. 14th. **Let's provide a safe and fun trick or treating experience for the children of our church and our community!**

## Little Lambs Nursery

Marianne Ulrich is our Little Lambs coordinator. We need one additional volunteer to sign up for each Sunday. Please sign up on the nursery door.



## HOAGIE SALE SEPT. 29<sup>th</sup>



Please consider buying a delicious lunch for your family and/or selling to others. Italian or turkey....\$6 each. Proceeds help buy extra supplies for children, support our teachers, support our birthday ministry for Bethany Home and so much more! Place your order in the foyer or with one of our children.



## Shipwrecked VBS 2018 Wrap Up

- 94 children attended this year's program.
- Over 50 volunteers staffed the stations and guided the children.
- The VBS families donated 1,336 items to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh County Conference of Churches (everything from ketchup to baby items to toilet paper).
- Our offering for the week totaled more than \$2000 (for supporting the VBS program and for mission).
- We sent a check for \$500 to Seed Programs International. Our money is going to Haiti to support family garden plots, school gardens, orphanage gardens, and even farmer co-operative groups (to generate income and lift people from poverty).
- We enjoyed a fun closing program in the grove. The children sang their VBS songs, the Lehigh Valley Zoo presented a program including Bean, the sloth, and we had Shipwrecked Sundaes, thanks to Lisa Blose and Friendly's.
- We shared our decorations and props with New Creation UCC in Easton.
- We are looking forward to next year's program, **ROAR**, June 24-28, 2019.

## From our Preschool Director, Annette Wilcox

### WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN AND ALL ARE WELCOME

It is hard to believe that the season of football, and hayrides, and cool evenings is almost upon us, bringing with it the start of a new school year. This year the preschool is excited to welcome Ms. Sarah Horwith to our family. Sarah graduated from Penn State and served as a substitute for us last year. She will be taking over as the lead teacher in the 3-year-old classroom as well as serving as the assistant in our afternoon Pre-K classroom.

The preschool kicked off the school year with a free Preschool in the Park program on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This program provides new students an opportunity to meet classmates and their teachers while having fun playing games and making art in the Grove. Parents had an opportunity to meet with the Director to go over school policies and procedures and ask any questions they may have about the upcoming school year. School officially opens on September 6<sup>th</sup> with classroom visitation days. If you have not yet had a chance to register your child or grandchild, contact the Director at 610-767-5327; we have a few remaining openings.

Looking ahead, we would like to invite the entire church to come out and join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cemetery Crawl 5k and family fun run on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, then stay for Trunk or Treat. Information and sign up sheets will be in the church office soon. If you would like additional information or would like forms sent to you, email the preschool at [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org). A portion of the proceeds from the run will go to **Feed My Starving Children**.

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 new website: [neffsuccpreschool.org](http://neffsuccpreschool.org)



#### WAYS TO GIVE AND SUPPORT UNION UCC'S MINISTRY AND MISSION

**DONATE ONLINE** with your Credit or Debit card <http://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 how 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.



*Beautiful sunset photo of our church taken by Scott Nagy with a drone!*

*Please share your pictures with us!*

*Email to [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org) or [Administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:Administrator@unionucc.org), or post directly to our Facebook page!*

#### You can make a difference

When you shop for back to school supplies at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Amazon donates.

You shop. Amazon donates.  
**amazon smile**



# When at ERYE...



Love & Justice

For  
With  
Towards  
God

July 19, 2018: 5 youth, 1 Pastor, 1 Adult Chaperone traveled many miles to California University of Pennsylvania....this is their take on the adventure....



"After a walk thru Washington Penna., to see the haves and the have nots (the rich and the projects-poor.) We as a group stopped at a shelter to feed about 15 children ranging in age from 1 year to 11 years. We all pitched in to help open up their milk cartons and unwrap the sandwiches. At the beginning the children were shy, but after talking and asking questions the children became very animated. It felt good to help with this project, to feed these children from the hood. Who is your neighbor? Thanks to the congregation for helping us to go to California University of Pennsylvania to attend the ERYE." - **Ron Snyder**

"Personally the most important thing I have taken from this years regional youth event is the inclusivity of the UCC. I've been fortunate enough to grow up in a church that is the epitome of a welcoming church and that has also provided with me a surplus of opportunities for my faith to grow. Unfortunately, not everyone can say this. During the weekend spent at CAL U the worship services emphasized the point that no matter a person's gender, race, sexual orientation, or age each and every single person has a voice that deserves to be heard. I believe this was extremely crucial for those youth who may feel as if their thoughts and opinions are inadequate and believe that they should be quiet and listen instead of being heard." - **Mollie Jarrett**

"I really enjoyed the EYRE because I got to learn more about God and all he does. I also got to meet people from other churches and see how they look at and learn about God. At the church services we had every night, I found it easy to connect to God through the music the band played. I also signed up for a songwriting workshop and it was really fun to write the song and then perform it. Those are some things I found interesting and enjoyed about the EYRE." - **Julie Lane**

"At ERYE, I had a lot of fun and made many memories. I also liked some of the speakers there and I learned how we can all make a difference." - **Amanda Lane**



" EYRE was an amazing experience not only because of the workshops and speakers but because I was able to meet so many new people. I felt as though we were all one huge family following the same faith path. The most memorable time was being able to be lost in the beauty of the music and expressing myself through dance on the last day. I am looking forward to the National event and other faith based event in years to come. I am so lucky to have been given this opportunity!" - **Hannah Horvath**

*"I survived my first Youth Event! Through the event I learned more about the youth, what they get from these trips, and just how important their faith is to them. It is through their hard work and the support of this congregation that these trips are made possible. I'm grateful to be a part of a congregation that sees the value in Youth and all that they can contribute! This trip surely was a blessing not only to me, but to the youth as well!"* - **Pastor Kayli**

# Youth Group News

September 2018 Edition

## Fall Funsies

### Confirmation Class

Letters to our Youth in 8th grade have been mailed inviting them to be a part of the confirmation class. A registration fee of \$50 and forms are due now. *A required information session for each student and at least 1 parent will be on September 30, 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room (basement.)* This will be the last day to join the class. If you know someone who is interested in being in the class, please have them contact the church office.

### Upcoming Events:

**September 29-30: Sleep-Out for Homelessness**

Held at Forks UCC, Stockertown. Spend the night learning about poverty and homelessness while also raising money to help Valley Youth House. The event is free, but we hope you'll raise at least \$25 from sponsors. See Pastor Kayli for forms! Forms due back to Pastor Kayli by September 15!

**October 6: Breakfast and Hike**

Meet at the church at 10am for a healthy, energizing breakfast followed by a hike at the Lehigh Valley Game Preserve. Make sure to wear durable but comfortable shoes, bring water, and dress weather appropriate.

**October 12-14: Feed My Starving Children**

Youth group will be forming a team to help package meals to send to families in Haiti. Keep watching for more information/times.

### ADVISORY TEAM LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

11:45AM

Youth Room (15)

### Education Hour Opportunities!

**6th-7th Grade: Munch Bunch**

(Upstairs room 203)

**8th Grade: Confirmation**

(Youth Room (15), Confirmands can go to Breakfast Club when there is no confirmation)

**9th-12 Grade: Breakfast Club**

(Basement, room 4)

Check out one of these groups from 9:15am-10:15am Sunday mornings!

### **For more information contact:**

**Pastor Kayli ([pastorkayli@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkayli@unionucc.org)) or Dave DiPaolantonio**

**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).

## Adult Studies

### Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris

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

**September 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct 5.**

*The Shack* is a major motion picture that won several awards. The study will look at the powerful themes of love, forgiveness and connecting with God in a new and deeper way found in the movie.

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

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

Sep 9 Guest Speaker Gary Barraco with Rev. Patience

Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, Love of Creation

The United Church of Christ's Mission Initiative

Sep 16 Rev. Patience

Sep 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 – Which Way, Lord? Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul by Rob Fuquay. We will travel with Paul and visit (through DVD) the places where he travelled and ministered as we ask, "What is the purpose of our life?"



**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.

Next Sunday Morning Alive: **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am Worship**

### Join the Choir!

#### Practice Schedules:

Tuesday Night:

Youth

6pm Cherubs (age 4-1st grade)

6:30pm Juniors (2nd-5th grades) and

Middlers (6th-8th grades)

High School (9th-12th grade)

Sundays at 11:40am

Sunday Mornings—Adults

Heritage Choir 7:15am

Horizon Choir 9:15am

*Do you play an instrument?*

*Would you like to play during a service?*

Contact: Blake Hoppes

Blake.charger@gmail.com

### From our Director of Music, Mr. Blake Hoppes

Well, Musikfest is over, which signals the beginning of the end of summer. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are ready to break from summer activities and get back to the singing and choir routine.



The Horizon Choir's first Rehearsal is Sept. 9th @ 9:15am (we will have rehearsals weekly @ 9:15 unless noted otherwise via email)

First Performance Sept. 16th (10:30 service only)  
Additional Performances: Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, Dec. 9

**Roni Gerry and the Unity Choir** From Roni: After careful consideration, I have decided to put Unity Choir on hold for one year. This difficult decision was made to ensure I have time to help my son research colleges and participate in extracurricular activities that are outside the Lehigh valley. Your understanding is appreciated!

**Thank you, Roni, for your leadership gifts in music.**

## Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

**October 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> at Union UCC**

Help us pack over 100,000 meals! Anyone at least 5 years old can help as we pack nutritious meals by simply scooping four ingredients into plastic bags. These meals will be then sent to children in desperate need.

**WATCH for online registration soon!** Each session is 2 hours.

- **Friday 10/12 6:30-8:30pm**
- **Saturday 10/13 9-11am, 12-2pm, 3-5pm, 6-8pm**
- **Sunday 10/14 12-2pm**

Volunteers will also be needed to setup, break down, and other organizational activities. If you would like to be involved in more than the packing sessions, please contact Eliot Lightner at 610-844-8327 or [eliot5779@gmail.com](mailto:eliot5779@gmail.com)

***Thank you for helping to turn hunger into hope for children around the world.***

Please consider getting involved.

**Family Promise Update** We are looking for team leaders now. We'd like to have 4 teams for each of the 4 weeks that we host to be coordinators for volunteers and food organization. If you'd like to be a team leader of an area, please contact Pastor Kris.

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.

**Good news: the startup funds of \$50,000 have been raised, new funds and grants are coming in regularly now. Locating a location for the Day Center and offices is still the piece that's missing.**

-Pastor Kris and the Mission Committee

## 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 GROUPS FOR SEPTEMBER:

*Sep 9 Fellowship Committee  
Sep 16 Church and Ministry  
Sep 23 Consistory  
Sep 30 Evangelism/Welcoming Committee*





### **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** James 1:17-27

**Message:** Do it

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

**Lay Readers:** Sue Steinmann, Dan Topp

**Greeters:** Chris & Abby Bastidas, Karen & Scott Misera

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Message:** 3 Great Loves

**Preacher:** Gary Barraco

**Lay Readers:** Whitney Kern, Fawn Albert

**Greeters:** Karen Wonderly, Al Stubbman, Vicki Mayk

**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn Solt

### **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism Sunday, Children's Church resumes

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Mark 8:27-38

**Message:** Rumor Has It

**Preacher:** Rev. Kayli Freeman

**Lay Readers:** Doug Albert, Elena Steidinger

**Greeters:** Jim & Leanna Lane, Naomi & George DeNardo

### **Sunday, September 23, 2018**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Home Sunday, New Members Received

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Preacher:** Rev. Bonnie Bates

**Lay Readers:** Sandra Craig, Carrington Smith

**Greeters:** Ron Snyder, Doug and Angie Kuntz

**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn Solt

### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Preacher:** Rev. Patience Stevenson

**Lay Readers:** Lucille Kuhns, Youth

**Greeters:** Children and Youth

## **New Member Sessions**

Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **September 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> at the 8am or 10:30am worship service**. For more info: Pastor Kris [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)



## **Baptism**

We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Next Baptism date is **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. There is a pre-baptism session for families on September 9<sup>th</sup>. You must complete forms and contact a pastor.

## **Weddings**

To schedule your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at our church or a venue with one of the pastors, please see be in contact with one of the pastors. There is information on our website, forms to complete are downloadable.



For more information go to our website: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism and Wedding forms. You could also email [officeassistant@unionucc.org](mailto:officeassistant@unionucc.org) or [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

## CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 GOES TO

**AJ DIPAOLANTONIO.** He will be recognized on Sunday, September 2nd at 10:30am.

AJ says regarding his background and church life: "The Church has been a big part of my life." He has been going here since he was a few days old. His Mom and Dad are involved with the church and brought him here since he was a baby. He has lived in Neffs, PA all of his life. His education started here at Neff's Preschool and continued on to graduate from Parkland High School this past June! Throughout the years he has had many roles. Including being involved in the youth group, being a youth intern, leading the breakfast club on Sunday mornings. He has sung in the youth choir for many years. You have probably seen the family here; sister, Rachel, Dad, Dave and Mom, Sharon.

This summer AJ is working at Orchard View swim club as a lifeguard. He also works here, at the church, as the lock up person. Additionally, he has just finished up his year in the Sunday set-up role. Finally, as a side job he has started his own business detailing cars.

AJ says: "Church gives me a different outlook on life and why things happen. I have learned that everything happens for a reason." Some of his favorite memories at Union UCC are hanging out with friends in the youth group and going on retreats.

### *Thank you to our BBQ BASH*

#### *Sponsors:*

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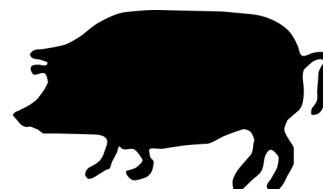
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**Spiritually Fit** is an exercise/walking group that meets Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall. We exercise to a series of walking videos or if weather permits a walk outside. The routines are easy to learn and are LOW IMPACT with emphasis on cardio boosting, body toning, sculpting with light weights and strengthening of the lower body with floor ABS. This is a fun and easy way to get fit while socializing in the company of friends. Believe me, time passes quickly when you exercise as a group. Come join us!

For information contact Dan Topp at 610-767-3384 or email at [djtoppsr@enter.net](mailto:djtoppsr@enter.net)

### **Matter of Balance Class Offered for Free at Union UCC**

St. Luke's hospital has asked us to be a host site for this class that teaches home safety strategies, exercise, problem-solving skills, assertiveness –  
all skills required to **reduce falling**.

The class will meet on the following Thursdays from 1-3pm: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15. (8 weeks)

***There is a class size limit of 15. Contact the church office by September 16 to register.***

# Golden Times

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

Our next gathering will be

**October 2, 2018**

Program: The Strolling  
Strings of Parkland High  
School

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

**12 noon – 1:30pm**

**FREE**

An informal sharing of Holy  
Communion is offered  
at the end of our time to-  
gether for those who are  
interested



Helping Hearts will  
meet at 7pm on  
September 21 in the  
Memory Room.

## Tales from the Road

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

Catherine Haberern grew up in Schnecksville with her two sisters, Marilyn Remaley Sechler and Lorraine Remaley Hunsicker and her brother Harold Remaley. All four children were delivered at home.

Catherine and her sisters and brothers would pick tomatoes and potatoes on local farms to earn money. She learned to sew from her mother, who was a very able seamstress. Catherine remembers her mother making snowsuits for her twin boys out of old coats.

Catherine was baptized, confirmed and married at Union UCC. She was an active member of Helping Hands and was a willing baker for many church events. She and her siblings also attended the Schnecksville Sunday School where they served as teachers, officers and volunteers at Vacation Bible School.

At age 15 Catherine worked at the General Store in Schnecksville after school.

Catherine met her husband at their favorite hangout, The Schoolhouse Restaurant (now Villa Rosa) on 309. They dated for one and half years and were married on September 12, 1953. They lived in Warren and Naomi Follweiler's upstairs apartment while they were building their home just up Route 309. Bob and Catherine raised 4 children in their home. They volunteered together at the Schnecksville Fire Company. Their sons eventually became volunteer firefighters.

Bob enlisted in the navy for 4 years, serving in the Korean War. He then worked for National Portland Cement. His last job prior to retirement was on the maintenance staff at Luther Crest where he could tinker and fix things to his heart's content.

Catherine recently moved to Heather Glen Assisted Living. She would love to hear from you:

Catherine Haberern  
Heather Glen Assisted Living  
415 Blue Barn Road  
Allentown, PA 18104

*Creation Care Tip of the month:* Don't forget to add REFUSE to your list of recycle, reuse, reduce. When you first sit down when out to eat, tell your server you do not want straws. You can order your own reusable stainless steel straws from Amazon. (They will come with a special cleaning brush.) You may have heard on the news that many stores, restaurants, commercial airlines, and even cities (such as Seattle, Washington) are discontinuing the use of plastic straws and stirrers.

# Financial & Attendance Reports

| Date    | Worship Service |         | CC/<br>Video/<br>Nursery | Total |
|---------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|
|         | 8AM             | 10:30AM |                          |       |
| June 3  | 84              | 191     | 13                       | 288   |
| June 10 | 68              | 83      | 6                        | 157   |
| June 17 | 63              | 91      | 8                        | 162   |
| June 24 | 40              | 192     |                          | 232   |

|           | Operating Fund | Designated Funds | Grand Total All Funds |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 7-1-2018  | \$9,644        | \$26,874         | \$36,518              |
| Income    | \$35,580       | \$2,353          | \$37,933              |
| Expenses  | \$28,269       | \$8,973          | \$37,242              |
| 7-31-2018 | \$16,955       | \$20,254         | \$37,209              |

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Country Sale, Family Promise

| Date    | Worship Service |         | CC/<br>Video/<br>Nursery | Total |
|---------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|
|         | 8AM             | 10:30AM |                          |       |
| July 1  | 64              | 96      | 11                       | 171   |
| July 8  | 62              | 181     | 4                        | 247   |
| July 15 | 55              | 93      |                          | 148   |
| July 22 | 54              | 93      | 4                        | 151   |
| July 29 | 65              | 79      | 4                        | 148   |

| TOTAL ATTENDANCE |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| June 2017–978    | June 2018– 839 |
| July 2017–932    | July 2018– 865 |



## Mum Sponsors

Harvest Home will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 23, 2018**. Bring your canned goods, produce, cut flowers, cornstalks, herbs, etc. to Memorial Hall, from 4-5pm on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

*Food collected will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.*

**We will be sponsoring the purchase of Mum's for display.** Place an order by filling out the form below and putting it in the offering plate or see one of the Mission / Harvest Home committee members after the service. Make checks payable to Union UCC. **Deadline to sponsor is SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.**

•I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for a **HOMEBOUND MEMBER**

•I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for **DISPLAY** (you may pick up your mums after the Sept. 23 10:30am service)

•I will pick up my mums following the service  
Yes / No

Giver (envelope) Number \_\_\_\_\_ **Total # of Mums** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 5 per Mum = **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ *If sponsoring for display:*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## HALL AND ROOM USE POLICY

We often have requests for members to use the church building. 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/Kitchen | \$60 Usage | \$25 Cleaning Fee |
| Memorial Hall           | \$60 Usage | \$25 Cleaning Fee |
| Youth Room              | \$60 Usage | \$25 Cleaning Fee |
| Grove                   | \$60 Usage |                   |

Please contact the church office for a full copy of the policy in order to request space. The form can also be found on our website at [www.unionucc.org/resources](http://www.unionucc.org/resources). *We do not rent space to non-members.*

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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

You can also contact Amanda ([administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)) for forms and room availability. Approval comes from Head of Property and the Pastor.

## Memorials / Deaths

**Lynn Klinger passed on August 9, 2018.** Contributions have been made in her name by: Kathy and Rick Bonsell, Claire and Doug Kern, DiPaolantonio family, Lloyd and Ardith Kuhns, Dan and Debra Topp, James Hain, Alan Brenner, Kim Geiss, Carl Schaeffer, William and Jacqueline Wehr

**Joel McGee passed on July 23, 2018.** Contributions have been made in his name by: Kerry Kullman

**Edward Allwine, Jr. passed on June 20, 2018.** Contributions have been made in his name by: Brian Selig, Shirley George, Kevin and Diane Richter, Kathy Kutolowski, Connie and Gene Benner, Bill and Bobbie Columbo, Topp family, Barbara Panner

**Fay Cornell passed on June 19, 2018.** Contributions have been made in her name by: the Topp family

**Allen George passed on June 13, 2018.**

**Shirley Levan passed on June 7, 2018.**

Further memorials received for **Alice Stephen** from: Susan David and Beth Cherry.

## Weddings

May 18 Joel Seyler and Leah Petre, Melissa Alloggio and Robert Fetherman  
June 16 Carol Fella and John Gacesa III  
August 4 Carol Moyer and Helen Lewis

## Baptisms

Baptized on **July 8, 2018:**  
Josephine Mae Sodl, daughter of Julie and David Sodl  
Brian Adam Wagner, son of Amanda Benckini and Bryce Wagner  
Keegan William Kushnir, son of Andrea and Daniel Kushnir

## Staff Updates from Pastor Kris

**Welcome to Amanda Sweeting, again!** Church and Ministry decided to create two positions out of the previous Communications Coordinator position. Amanda Sweeting, our Office Administrator, applied for 11 hours of the Communications Coordinator position and she accepted with Consistory's approval. She has been helping with additional responsibilities during the interim time and she began her new dual role of Office Administrator and Communications Coordinator on July 16th. Part of her new responsibilities will be to publish the Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter, update our Facebook page, and send weekly email announcements. **Her office hours are 9am-1pm Mon-Friday, with additional hours on various days. Contact her at [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)**

**Welcome to our new Office Assistant, Patricia Scripture** Tricia comes to us with a wonderful office support background, recently retired from Merck. She impressed us with her skills in technology, mailings, organization and her genuine and gracious spirit. She was approved by Consistory to join our staff on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and began her responsibilities on August 10<sup>th</sup>. **Her hours will generally be 9am-1pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. You can reach her at [officeassistant@unionucc.org](mailto:officeassistant@unionucc.org)**

**Thanks AJ DiPaolantonio!** AJ has served as our Sunday Set Up Substitute and Person for the last 2 years. He's heading off to college at Kutztown University so he's retiring his coffee making hat. He will continue as our weekday lockup person. We thanked AJ in worship on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome Ryan Correll and Dylan Kuntz!** Ryan, who has been our substitute for the last year, will serve as the weekly Sunday Set Up Person and Dylan Kuntz will be his substitute. Be sure to welcome them and give them a hand with Holy Grounds Coffee Hour on Sundays.

**Thank you Carol Fella Gacesa!** For the past year Carol served as our Instrumental Assistant Choir Director. She organized our music players for times like Veteran's Day, Christmas Eve and Easter. She needed to resign due to her teaching schedule and we will miss her leadership. We hope that she and her husband John will continue to play music with us as their schedules allow.

**Welcome Abby Hill** who will serve as our new Instrumental Assistant Choir Director.

### Thanks to our Office Helpers who were essential to us during this time of transition

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, Barbara Panner, Dan Topp, Dave  
DiPaolantonio, the entire Tech committee (Ed Normann, Ronnie and Jeff Herbine)  
We always welcome newsletter assembly helpers on the last Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Youth Room.



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| Amanda Sweeting    | ext. 21 |
| Patricia Scripture | ext. 22 |
| Kathy Bonsell      | ext. 27 |
| Music Office       | ext. 26 |
| Kitchen            | ext. 30 |

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mon                                                                                  | Tue                                                   | Wed                                                                                              | Thu                                                        | Fri                                                                                                          | Sat                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2</b> Labor Sunday<br>8am Heritage Service<br>9:15 Holy Grounds<br>10:30 Horizon Service<br>11:30 Holy Grounds                                                                                              | <b>3</b><br>6:15pm Fellowship mtg                                                    | <b>4</b><br>7 Bible Study                             | <b>5</b><br>9:30 Busy Bee Quilters<br>10 Knitwits<br>6:30 Spiritually Fit<br>7 Church & Ministry | <b>6</b><br>7pm Fellowship mtg<br>7pm Christian Ed mtg     | <b>7</b><br>8am Bulletin Prep                                                                                | <b>1</b><br><br><b>8</b>                                             |
| <b>9</b> 8am Heritage Service<br>9:15 Holy Grounds,<br>Ed. Mtg/Backpack Sunday,<br>Bible Study, Horizon Singers,<br>New Member Class<br>10:30 Horizon Service<br>11:30 Holy Grounds<br>11:45 Pre Baptism Class | <b>10</b><br>6:15pm Fellowship mtg                                                   | <b>11</b><br>7 Bible Study                            | <b>12</b><br>9:15 Staff mtg<br>9:30 Busy Bee Quilters<br>10 Knitwits<br>6:30 Spiritually Fit     | <b>13</b>                                                  | <b>14</b><br>8am Bulletin Prep<br>9 BBQ Bash Prep<br>9:30 Adult study<br>4pm Food stand open for<br>BBQ Bash | <b>15</b><br>12 BBQ Bash prep<br>5pm Food stand open for<br>BBQ Bash |
| <b>16</b> 8am Heritage Service<br>9:15 Holy Grounds,<br>Education Hour, Bible<br>Study, Horizon Singers,<br>New Member Class<br>10:30 Horizon Service/<br>Baptism<br>11:30 Holy Grounds                        | <b>17</b><br>6:15pm Consistory mtg                                                   | <b>18</b><br>7 Bible Study                            | <b>19</b><br>9:30 Busy Bee Quilters<br>10 Knitwits<br>6:30 Spiritually Fit                       | <b>20</b><br>1:30pm Property mtg<br>7pm Helping Hearts mtg | <b>21</b><br>8am Bulletin Prep<br>9:30 Adult study<br>6:30 Wedding rehearsal                                 | <b>22</b><br>12pm Wedding<br>4pm Harvest Home set up                 |
| <b>23</b> Harvest Home Sunday<br>8am Heritage Service<br>9:15 Holy Grounds,<br>Education Hour, Bible<br>Study, Horizon Singers<br>10:30 Horizon Service<br>11:30 Holy Grounds                                  | <b>24</b>                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>9am newsletter assembly<br>7 Bible Study | <b>26</b><br>9:30 Busy Bee Quilters<br>10 Knitwits<br>6:30 Spiritually Fit                       | <b>27</b><br>1pm Class for Balance                         | <b>28</b><br>8am Bulletin Prep<br>9:30 Adult study<br>3pm Hoagie Prep                                        | <b>29</b><br>8am Hoagie Prep / Sale                                  |
| <b>30</b> 8am Heritage Service<br>9:15 Holy Grounds,<br>Education Hour, Bible<br>Study, Horizon Singers<br>10:30 Horizon Service<br>11:30 Holy Grounds                                                         |  |                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                            |                                                                                                              |                                                                      |