

**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. Baskets or gift certificates must be at least a
\$10 value or more. Hot dogs & soda to be served.



CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST/HIKE ON OCTOBER 6

Meet at the church at 10:00am for a healthy
energizing breakfast followed by a hike at the Lehigh Valley
Game preserve (11am-1pm).
Wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing; durable shoes;
bring water

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-breakfast>

We will be hosting our **TRUNK OR TREAT** here at Union UCC on the
afternoon of **Saturday, Oct. 20th from 3-5pm**. 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 a
treat** for the trunk or treaters (costumes 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!**



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**Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event
October 12th - 14th at Union UCC**

Please join us as we 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 then be sent to children in desperate need. Online registration is now open and the Friday and Sunday sessions are starting to fill.

Friday 10/12 3:30-5:30pm Setup 20 Volunteers 6:30-8:30pm Meal Packing 80 Volunteers

Saturday 10/13 9-11am Meal Packing 80 Volunteers 12-2pm Meal Packing 80 Volunteers

3-5pm Meal Packing 80 Volunteers 6-8pm Meal Packing 80 Volunteers

Sunday 10/14 12-2pm Meal Packing 80 Volunteers 2-4pm Breakdown 20 Volunteers

You can register online through our Facebook Page "Feed My Starving Children of the Lehigh Valley" by clicking on the book now button.

Please contact Eliot Lightner with any questions 610-844-8327 or to help with set up on Friday and breakdown on Sunday.

The monthly meeting of the **Union United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting** was called to order on Monday, September 17, 2018, by President Aften Hamm.

The Treasurer's Report and the August 21, 2018 – September 17, 2018 bills were presented and approved.

Property and Maintenance Committee reported new LED lights were installed in the large parking lot. Air conditioning in third floor of the addition needed a small repair two weeks ago. Steps in the basement stairway to kitchen were given a new cement layer and the walls were given a second coat of paint. Deposit was sent in for the new carillon.

Christian Education Committee reported that they will meet on 9/20. Trunk or Treat is 10/20 and they are asking each church committee to decorate a car or donate candy for this event.

Mission Committee reported that next meeting is 11/18. 9/23 is Harvest Home. Mission Funding through FOLG will be used for: OCWM, N. Lehigh Food Bank, Family Promise and Feed My Starving Children, Thomas Family Fund(FOLG) will fund \$1000 to Feed My Starving Children and \$400 for Meals on Wheels of LV, Extra \$1575 reported from mission envelopes will support \$400 to the following: VAST (Valley Against Sex Trafficking), Holy Joe's Café, and Zion Church Jubilee Breakfast Ministry. Advent Self-Denial offering will be divided between Penn Northeast Conference Disaster Relief Ministry and Church World Services.

Feed My Starving Children is on schedule for Oct 12,13 and 14th. Volunteer sign-ups going well. Crop Walk is 10/14. Neighbors in Need donations were \$782, Pint for Pint Blood Drive is 11/11 8am-1pm. Nov. is our month for NL Food Bank 11/1, 11/8. 11/15. Potatoes donated for Thanksgiving again, Family Promise-goal is to start in Nov. Meetings held 3rd Tues of each month 10/16-Mandatory Training for Coordinators-Volunteers are still needed in Steering Committee (helping to organize various pieces as needed), donating, preparing meals, helping families staying in our church, sleeping over at the church.

Church and Ministry reported that Hannah Snyder Samuelson has requested support from consistory at Union UCC as a Member in Discernment as she begins a 3-year academic program at Union Theological Seminary. She has recently met with Church and Ministry Committee about this decision.

Welcoming Committee reported New Members classes will be forming soon. Randy Bilger will be new chairperson to replace Marilyn Hill.

Financial Leadership Committee reported that next meeting is 9/19, Developing a website for creating donations in Wills at this time.

Fellowship Committee reported that next meeting will be 11/5, Basket Social-10/3 and contributions are being accepted. Attendance is expected to be string at this event.

Worship Committee reported that the next meeting will be in October, nothing else to report.

The next regular meeting of the Union United Church of Christ Consistory will be held Monday October 15, in Room 101.

-Susan Neal

From the Property Committee By Phil Wehr

Summer heat over? As I write this article on Sept 7, we just lived through a week of high 80's and even 90 degree temperatures and high humidity. The fourth heat wave of the summer, in between lots of days and weekends of rain.

During this time, all three air conditioning units in the New Beginning Addition broke down and needed repairs, one on each floor, luckily at different times. All were repaired in a speedy time period and everyone stayed cool.

New LED parking lot lights were installed in the large parking lot, completing the change over to LED lighting to both parking lots. The stairs and landing leading to the basement kitchen were given a new cement top coating, the walls given a second coat of paint, and new lines striped on each step. The entrance is much improved and looking good to all who enter to the basement.

The elevator also had a minor repair done in August, along with the quarterly maintenance to the unit. The elevator is celebrating 15 years of service to our members and guests, and still looks like new.

All projects were funded through the Funds of Lasting Gifts. What a blessing to our church, to our church property, and to our members, past, present, and future.

Peace.



CHURCH MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you have a business that you'd like us to share with others? If so, please contact Pastor Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org

We know that many of you like to support local businesses or our members if you have the chance. This information will be made available to new members and current members and it will be posted on our website at www.unionucc.org/resources.

It's another way to support each other through our work and life together.

Note: The church is not endorsing any of these businesses, we are merely making the information available to you. These are for paid services and businesses.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE from Pastor Kris and Consistory

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 we need to do is get your permission to print your contact information in the booklet.**

Having your address and phone number available to other church members allows us to keep in touch with each other for things like sending cards and checking on each other and asking for your help with a project here. We hope that you will be willing to share your information with other church members through our picture directory.

In order to have your information included in the directory, you need to respond and opt into having it published.

Please complete the form below and return it to the church office by October 15th.

You can return this information in several ways:

1. Complete a paper copy, place it in the offering plate on a Sunday, drop it off or mail it to the church office during the week.

3. Email or scan the form to our office at officeassistant@unionucc.org.

4. Complete online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcB0EuhwCTmEwhNQNSEY-SiuQ9WNWX4Rjql1BeJhTudeCnnA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If we don't hear from you by October 15th that you'd like to have your contact information included in the church directory, we will not be able to include it.

Please respond and turn this information by October 15th.

Note: you can have your information included even if you didn't have your picture taken but you need to opt in.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I am opting in to have my contact information appear in the church directory.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Contact: Kathy Bonsell

Phone: 610-767-6961

Email: dired@unionucc.org

5K Cemetery Crawl—Oct. 20th—2:00pm



Help support our very own preschool and help support our church's mission project, Feed My Starving Children. Talk to your friends and family, get

sponsors, and bring your family to run or walk through our cemetery. Full or partial 5K. Wagons and strollers are fine. Participation prizes for all. Prizes for top fund-raising families. Any questions, see Kathy Bonsell or Annette Wilcox.



Union UCC and Union Evangelical Lutheran would like to invite all children to our seventh **TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

on Saturday, October 20th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be in both our grove parking lot and the Lutheran lot with a short cemetery walk in between. Wear your costume and pick up treats at each participating decorated vehicle. Both churches will also have food for our hungry trunk-or-treaters. Hope you can

join us at this fun and safe event! **We are still looking for**

families, groups and/or organizations to decorate vehicles and hand out candy. Please sign up on Kathy's door or in the foyer.

Trunk or Treat



Our Sunday School has started another year of fun and learning. We have a wonderful

team excited to share their faith with your children every Sunday during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15).

Start anytime!

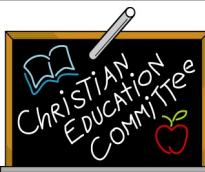
Thank you to our 3rd/4th/5th graders for making gifts for our Homebound members. The gifts were delivered with the mums. They also made a fall craft for Meals on Wheels recipients.



JOIN US FOR BIBLE JOURNALING

OCT. 4 AND OCT. 18 IN ROOM 5, 9:30-11

Bring a Journal Bible. We have art supplies!



~ We meet the first Thursday of every month in Room 5 at 7pm. We are always looking for new members!

~ We have already made hoagies (Sept. 29).

~ We will have a Messy Church Workshop on Nov. 14. Look for more info next month.

~ Our committee sends birthday cards and a \$20 Target birthday gift to children at Bethany Home in Womelsdorf, PA.

~ Our committee sends birthday cards to our children on their first through fourth birthdays.

~ Our next project—**Holiday HOPE CHESTS** for local children (delivered by the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley).



Children's Church Calendar

Oct. 7 Mark 10:2-16 (**communion in Room 5**)

Oct. 14 **Sneaker Stroll (mission)** Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 21 Mark 10:35-45 Oct. 28 Mark 10:46-52

SNEAKER STROLL (our version of the CROP WALK)

October 14th during Sunday School AND Children's Church. Wear your sneakers or crocs and bring your donation envelope!



Youth Group News

OCTOBER 6

CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST/HIKE

Meet at the church at 10:00am for a healthy energizing breakfast followed by a hike at the Lehigh Valley Game preserve (11am-1pm).

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Trunk-Or-Treat

**Saturday, October 20
3:00pm-5:00pm**

Sign-up with Mrs. Bonsell to have your family's vehicle as part of our Trunk-Or-Treat. We want as many cars as possible!

For more information contact:
Pastor Kayli (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).



Feed My Starving Children Event

October 12-14

Union UCC Youth Group will be taking this time slot!

**When: Saturday, October 13
Time: 9-11am**

**please note the time slot change*

This church-wide/valley wide event helps raise awareness for hunger around the world. We will participate in packing meals for those in the world who need them most.

Let Pastor Kayli know if you plan on being a part of this event. We have some spots left. Youth group is already signed up.

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!

From our Preschool Director, Annette Wilcox

And we are off! School has started with a flourish as we dove right into learning new routines and making new friends. We welcomed Sarah Horwith as the lead teacher in the 3-year-old classroom as well as the assistant teacher in our PreK classroom. We had quite a few last-minute registrations in our 4-year-old program and now find ourselves looking for an additional teacher for that class. If you or anyone you know are certified in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education and would like a part-time job working with amazing teachers and kids, please contact the preschool either through email (preschool@unionucc.org) or phone (610-767-5327).

The Preschool receives much of our revenue through fundraising. We currently have **Kidstuff books** for sale for \$25. These books are full of coupons to local stores, restaurants, and family activity centers. For instance, there are two \$5.00 Weis coupons. This year, the Kidstuff book comes with a nationwide app so you can use coupons wherever you go without having to carry the coupons with you. If you are interested, please contact the Preschool as supplies are limited. The Preschool will also be holding our second annual **Cemetery Crawl 5K and Family Run** on October 20th prior to Trunk-or-Treat. This untimed event is family friendly and a good way to walk off calories before eating all the Halloween candy. There are even prizes for the 3 highest earning families. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Check us out on our new website: neffsuccpreschool.org



BLUES NITE OUT

Mother Nature provided two beautiful summer evenings to the fifteenth annual Blues Nite Out, which in turn brought out record crowds to Neffs Church Grove to enjoy music, food, and fellowship. Two fun nights for members and the community, sponsored by Union United Church of Christ, and the first year to use our new and improved food stand.

Jake Kaligis and his band made a return this year on Friday night to a large crowd of followers who steadily flowed into the grove as the music began. They were treated to many soulful cover songs and original tunes by Jake and his band. He has played on our stage many times, with many band mates, and has always enjoyed being a part of Blues Nite Out.

Saturday's event started off with a return performance by Bev Conklin and her BC Combo Band. Winner of multiple Lehigh Valley Music awards over the past years, Bev and her band treated the crowd to songs from Aretha Franklin to Eric Burdon and everything in between.. Afterwards Bev commented "Thank you so much for inviting me, what a wonderful setting for our band to perform, it is a pleasure to return to your grove".

The grove was packed surrounding the stage and pavilion as the Sarah Ayers Band started their main set. Once again, Sarah was joined by award winning blues harmonica player James Supra. Sarah, James and the band played two excellent sets to a capacity crowd in the grove. Sarah comments "I am blessed to have been the first singer to be part of Blues Nite Out, and to return each year and to see all of the changes this church has made to this grove, what a wonderful place for us to perform. This is our favorite family gig of the year, we love coming to Blues Nite Out and Neffs Church Grove".

Special thanks to all Blues Nite Out helpers (over 70 members), bakers, chefs, ice cream dippers, raffle ticket sellers and music lovers who help to make this community event a success, and blessings for the beautiful weather. Proceeds support Union UCC's general fund, the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, the grove project, Trunk or Treat and more.



Veteran's Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. Join the Mission Committee on **Sunday, November 11**, Veteran's Day, for our second blood drive of the year. (There are no soup sales this time around. The Pint for Pint drive will return in Spring 2019.) Sign up online at giveapint.org or contact Susan Smith at susancarrington@hotmail.com or **(610) 366-7284**. Honor a veteran by continuing the tradition of saving lives:

donate blood to the

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER.



All Saints' Sunday November 4th We will remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year since November 1st, 2017 and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals. A flower will be placed on the altar for family members to receive.

Veterans Honored November 11th at 8:00 and 10:30 Worship

Please help us collect the names of all our members who are currently serving in the military, as well as, those who are inactive, retired, and veterans.

Please complete the following info and submit it to the office or email officeassistant@unionucc.org **no later than Sunday, November 4.**

Rank/Title and Name: _____

Branch of the Military: _____

Time Served/Current Status: _____

Special Honors: _____



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.

No class Oct 5. Oct 12th—last session of *The Shack*

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. **October 19 and 26: Revelation** The author of [Kerygma: The Bible in Depth](#) brings deep insight to a very challenging book. Studying Revelation in context clarifies its message to an early church facing severe crisis. Its relevance for today is not in prophetic visions, but in its affirmation of victory and hope.

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.

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 28th and December 23rd at 10:30am Worship

Abby Hill is our Instrumental Assistant Choir Director. Our first performance date is Sunday, November 11th for Veteran's Day. If you are interested in playing with the group please contact Abby at applepieabby09@gmail.com or Blake Hoppes at blake.charger@gmail.com. Please contact Abby if you'd like to offer special music on a Sunday or play during the Christmas season/Christmas eve. Your music blesses our time of 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

**Horizon Choir next
Performance: Oct 7th
(10:30 service)**

**Future Performances: Nov 4th,
Dec. 9th**

Sunday, October 21st: guest musicians Trio Jolie, Robin Lilarose, Flute; Kirstin Myers, Oboe; Crystal Jordan, Cello www.triojolie.com

Sunday, November 18th: 7pm Concert at Union UCC by our own In House Talent

- Featuring Ben Anderson, Blake Hoppes & others
- Free will offering will go to Family Promise

Sunday, December 9th: 7pm Parkland Chorale Concert



Mission Thank You's

From Phoebe Ministries to the congregation of Union UCC,

Thank you for your \$850 gift to Phoebe! Because of your generosity, Phoebe is able to meet the needs of older adults through diverse residential 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.

On behalf of everyone who lives and works at Phoebe. Thank You.

Operation Project Food Bank

Every November, Union UCC is responsible to provide volunteers to help distribute food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald. **Ten to twelve volunteers are needed on Thursday November 1, 8, and 15 from 3:34 pm - 7:15 pm and on Saturday November 17 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon.** Please consider providing time to help others, call Phil Wehr 610-767-3657 or Wilbur Romig 610-841-6586

The food bank is located on Center Street in Emerald, directly across from the Washington Township Municipal building.

The NL food bank provides food relief to over 250 families in the local area. Director Dale Bryfogle manages the huge task of overseeing the daily operations of the food bank, along with many volunteers from the community, over twelve participating local churches, and other service organizations.

She is always looking for more regular helpers to organize, stock shelves, distribute food and other duties. Volunteer opportunities are available on

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Please contact Phil or Wilbur for more information.



An update on our former pastoral intern, Becky Ensley Dobistch

Becky was a pastoral intern at Union UCC last summer, where she provided pastoral care and shared her preaching gifts with the congregation. We are excited that Becky recently receive a call to serve as the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Broken Bow, Nebraska.

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Gen. 12:1

Through the call process, God said Go with Chris and pick up everything that you have and move to the middle of Nebraska. I had only been through the state on the Amtrak train twenty years ago and Chris had never been west of the Pittsburg area. We felt a bit of a kindred connection with Abraham. The difference is that we were moving to a community that was excited for us to arrive. We have been greatly blessed by the church community even before our arrival. We have seen the church be the church. Our truck full of boxes was delayed a week and a half. The church has come together to bring us meals, our neighbors brought us chairs and a table, so I did not have to type sermons on the floor, the secretary let us borrow a lamp so we had light in the living room. Despite the challenges, it is clear that God has directed our steps to this point and has and will continue to provide for us. God's fingerprints are very visible here. The beautiful rolling hills surrounding Broken Bow, a town of just over 3500 people, bring a sense of peace and serenity that echoes through the town itself. Our adventure continues...God is good!

Family Promise Update *Good news: the goal of starting this program is November!*

We are actively seeking team leaders. We'd like to have 4 teams for each of the 4 weeks that we host to be coordinators for volunteers and food organization.

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.

Our church will be hosting families for 4 weeks a year.

Here are some of the ways that we will need help:

- Steering Committee and Team Leaders – 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 important work.

Pastor Kris and the Mission Committee



Sunday, October 7, 2018

Worldwide Communion Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Luke 22:14-20

Message: All Are Welcome

Preacher: Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider, Donna Christman

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

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Guest Musicians Trio Jolie

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Mark 10:35-45

Message: Who Do You Serve

Preacher: Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Brad Hackett, Fawn Albert

Greeters: Gene & Christina Thrash, Jen Haley & family

November 4, 2018

All Saints' Sunday November 4th

We will remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year since November 1st, 2017 and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals. A flower will be placed on the altar for family members to receive.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Healing Service, CROP Walk, FMSC

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Mark 10:17-31

Message: Camels Walking Through the Eye of a Needle

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder Samuelson

Lay Readers: Sue Steinmann, Don Penrod

Greeters: Jim & Edie Fella, Karl & Cathy Schmidt

We'll offer a time to pray with a Pastor at the end of the worship service

Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service/ Sunday Morning Alive

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Message: It's OK to ask for help

Preacher: Rev Kris Snyder Samuelson

Lay Readers: Lucille Kuhns, Carrington Smith

Greeters: John & Debbie Romig, Macey Kroll



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 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 HOST GROUPS FOR OCTOBER:

Oct 14 – Feed My Starving Children; Mission Committee (Susan Smith)
Oct 21– Worship Committee (Susan Glosan, Edie Fella)
Oct 28 – Fellowship Committee (Roni Fabian, Maria Beltz)



New Member Sessions Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **November 4th and 11th at 9:15am-10:15am.** We will meet in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is a 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, November 18th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service.** For more info: Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org
Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming dates are **November 4th and January 13th** There is a pre-baptism session for families typically held after church the Sunday before the baptism.
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.

More information on the site: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism and Wedding forms. You could also email officeassistant@unionucc.org or administrator@unionucc.org

CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD FOR OCTOBER 2018 goes to Patricia Warmkessel, she will be recognized in October.

Pat's background includes being confirmed at 13 at Western Salisbury UCC. She married and had a son, Nicholas. In 1974 her son, Nicholas was only 5 years old when he died from Bayton Mayo disease (a rare brain disorder). This took its toll on the marriage but Pat found the strength from her faith in God to move on. In 1992 she moved to Schnecksville where she joined Union UCC. She remarried in 2002 to Terry Warmkessel who had 2 children, Brian and Jill. Today Pat and Terry have 2 grandchildren, Kylie 13 and TJ 12.

Pat's working career started as secretary and then office manager to Magisterial Judge Theodore Russiano in North Whitehall for 20 years. During that time, she studied to successfully fulfill the law requirements of judge and to win the 1995 election for Magisterial District Judge to North and South Whitehall. When Pat retired in 2008 she decided to continue service as a Senior Judge where she worked until April of 2018.

Today Pat has enjoys working at Union UCC with the Welcoming Committee, the Souper Bowl Tailgate lunch event, and Golden Times. These days, she enjoys being retired!

Thank you, Pat, for serving God and others here and for sharing your faith and spirit with us so generously.

Spiritually Fit is an exercise/walking group that meets Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall, or the Youth Room. 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

Quilters, Knitters & 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 year round.

MEN'S GROUP Events from Pastor Kris

Next event 10/6 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 (pastorkayli@unionucc.org), Dave DiPaolantonio, or Ed Normann.

This is a church wide event, everyone is welcome. (Youth Group is co-hosting it with us.)

Here's how to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-breakfast>

Please RSVP by Sep 30 if you can.

Volunteer at Northern Lehigh Food Bank Sat Nov 17 from 9am -

12:30. We only need 10 people. Phil Wehr is the contact for this. PJWehr@aol.com

Sunday, Dec 16th after 10:30 church is over. Church-Wide Caroling to members who are in nursing homes or homebound. Last year we had 2 groups go out and were able to visit about 25 different people, it was great!

Saturday, January 19 at 7:05pm Phantoms Game, Steve Kareha is the contact for this at s.kareha@gmail.com We'll post sign ups soon for ticket purchases. Friends and families welcome!

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

Golden Times

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

Our next gatherings will be

October 2, 2018

Program: The Strolling
Strings of Parkland High
School

November 6

Program: Dianne Kareha's
summer trip to Malawi

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

Birthday:

Dorothy George,
October 10



Helping Hearts
will meet next on
December 6th

TALES FROM THE ROAD

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation
Did You Know?

Gladys Kuhns was born 96 years ago in Allentown. Gladys was baptized and confirmed at Salem UCC in Allentown. Gladys graduated from William Allen High School in 1940. She had several interesting jobs over the course of her lifetime: She worked for an Allentown alderman, in the office at Bethlehem Steel and as a key punch operator at Mack Trucks. Prior to her retirement Gladys managed to squeeze in 20 years in the kitchen at the local vo-tech (Lehigh Carbon Technical Institute).

Gladys married Robert Kuhns in 1944. Bob served in the Air Force during World War II and for a few years following the end of the war. Bob and Gladys moved to Neffs, Pa, where they raised their 3 children. Bob and Gladys had many adventures together. Notably they camped across the United States and through the New England States. Gladys remembers sewing dresses for her daughters and helping them in their 4-H club.

Bob and Gladys joined Union UCC when they moved to Neffs. Their children were baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. Gladys was always very active in the church. She taught Sunday School, worked for many years in the kitchen, was an active member of the Helping Hands and is a faithful attender at Golden Times.

Gladys still lives in the village of Neffs with her bird Buffy. She enjoys keeping up with her three children, eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Creation Care Tip of the month:

Green Tip:

Be a mindful consumer to reduce your extra waste. Before making a purchase, ask yourself how your purchase will impact other people and the natural environment. This can be as simple as buying an entire jar of peanut butter, rather than individual servings; or as complicated as deciding the most environmentally-friendly car to buy. But don't stress—start small. In general, avoid purchasing products with excess packaging. Oftentimes, food companies expend just as much energy creating the packaging for food products as is expended in producing the actual food.

[Don't buy what you don't need.](#)

- Buy for durability. For items you do buy, look for things which will last a lifetime. Search "buy it for life" to find forums and recommendations for durable products.
- Borrow or rent items you need only for brief or occasional use. Buy secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores, consignment shops, and private sellers when you can.

Janet Bachman's new address:
Country Meadows
430 Krocks Road, Apt. 122
Allentown, Pa 18106

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
	8AM	10:30AM		
August 5	87	126	7	220
August 12	61	186		247
August 19	53	105		158
August 26	60	116		176

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

August 2017: 936 August 2018: 801

	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$1,453	\$11,097
Income	\$82,007	\$4,477	\$86,484
Expenses	\$60,452	\$9,903	\$70,355
8-31-2018	\$31,199	-\$3,973	\$27,226

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

Penn Northeast Conference News, Call to Annual Meeting on November 3rd

If you would like to serve as a delegate and represent Union UCC, please contact Pastor Kris. Registration deadline is October 8th.

Items to be discussed include restructuring the Constitution and Board, joining efforts with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, and worship and workshops on the theme of Transforming.

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 God's church at Union UCC, thanks!



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 Don't forget Union UCC when you are doing your holiday shopping on AMAZON!

We receive about \$75-\$100 per quarter as a result of your choosing us as your Amazon Smile charity.

You can sign up at any time. This is just one more way to help make a difference for God's ministry and mission at Union UCC.

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:

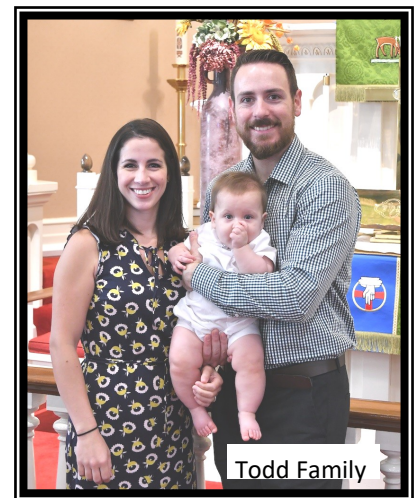
Fellowship Hall/Kitchen	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Memorial Hall	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Youth Room	\$60 Usage	\$25 Cleaning Fee
Grove	\$60 Usage	

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. *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) for forms and room availability. Approval comes from Head of Property and the Pastor.



MEMORIALS / DEATHS

Further memorials received for **Lynn Klinger** from: Darlene Souders, Karl, Jason and Adam Klinger, Fay Salivonchik, Margaret Ferri, Barbara Panner, the Sorgs, the Bryant family, Willis and Carol Kuhns, Charles and Carol Mesics, Dean and Donna Mohr, Richard and Sandra Greenawald, Frank and Marianne Marks, Collen Monaghan, David and Kimberly Rompilla, Fredrick and Martha Rummel, Philip and Julie Wehr, Nelson and Kathryn Schaeffer, Karen and Chris Weinrich, Orefield Middle School Staff, Donna Christman, the Wenners, the Richters, Barbara and Stephen Raykos

Ronald Savacool, Sr., passed on August 27, 2018 He is a member here and the brother to Denise Rothrock. Contributions have been made in his name by: Phil & Julie Wehr, Sandra Craig, the Topps, Dennis and Denise Rothrock, Kay Bagenstose, Kathryn Talianek, Lloyd and Ardith Kuhns, Mark and Lori Klinger

Arlene Olenwine passed on September 2, 2018. A member and the mother of Deb Sanek.

Weddings

On September 1st **Jake Evans** and **Casey Berra** were married. Jake is the son of Pam and John Evans.

On September 8th **Kelsey Bonsell** and **Jake Alderoty** were married. Kelsey is the daughter of Kathy and Rick Bonsell.

On September 8th **Justin Selig** and **Tara Dwyer** were married. Justin is Brian and Karen Selig's son.

On September 8th **Lee Norris** and **Rebecca Miller** were married. Lee is Gayle and Keeley Norris's son.

On September 16th **Adrienne Sorg** and **Jimmy Stephens** were married. Adrienne is the daughter of Frank and Vicki Sorg.

On September 22nd **Jonathan Krisko** and **Alexandria McRae** were married. Jon is Lee and Dana Krisko's son.

New Members on September 23, 2018

Kerry and Rose Snyder, Bill and Janice Metzger, Patricia Solt

Baptized on September 16, 2018

Gideon Benner Dries and **Kendrick Todd Dries** sons of Hilary Todd Dries and Michael Dries.

Nathan Alexander Todd, son of Julia McCabe Todd and Andrew Todd.

Annabelle Marie George, daughter of Taylor George and Stephen George.

Jayce Scott Christman, son of Vanessa Christman and Chad Christman

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Kitchen	ext. 30

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

7 Worldwide Communion/ CROP walk/Sneaker Stroll 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds	1 9am Tai Chi– advanced 9:50am Tai Chi– beginners 11:30am Preschool lunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	2 9am Golden Times 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm Worship Comm.	3 9am Tai Chi-intermediate 10am KnitWits 5:30 Basket Social 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Jrs GSA	4 9:30am Bible Journaling 1pm Class For Balance 7pm Chime Choir 7:30 Girl Scouts	5 8am Bulletin crew	6 
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