

The Welcoming Committee invites you to our annual



**FEBRUARY 3**  
**11:30 - 12:30PM**  
**Welcome New Church Members**  
**to our Team!**  
**Everyone is invited!**

**Menu includes: Subs, pizza, wings, chili, salads,**  
**snacks, birch beer, soda,**  
**please bring a dessert.**

The cost to attend is FREE.

Make it a SOUPER BOWL OF CARING by  
bringing a can(s) of soup or cash donation for area food banks.

**RSVPs not required.**



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**PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Tuesday, March 5th**

**6pm Supper served**

Menu: Pancakes (Gluten Free  
available), sausage, applesauce,  
and fastnachts.

**FREE!** Donations accepted.  
Bring a dozen doughnuts or  
fastnachts to share.  
Reservations not needed.

Hosted by: Fellowship Committee  
Served by: Youth Group



**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 6**



Stop by for a quiet time of prayer,  
communion and to receive ashes in the  
sanctuary.

**Worship at 12noon-12:30**  
**and 7-7:30pm**

OR

Drive by for ashes and a prayer in the  
parking lot.

**7:30-8:30am and 5:00-6pm**



## BLANKET SUNDAY FEB 24, 2019

You're changing lives around the World !!  
During 2018, CWS blankets were provided to people in California, Florida, North and South Carolina, and dozens of other countries around the world.

Once again, Union UCC will celebrate Blanket Sunday on Feb 24, 2019. Donations of \$10 per blanket will be accepted Feb 10, 17 & 24, stop by in the foyer, or check your bulletins for donation forms. The larger the donation, the more blankets purchased, the more people to keep warm.

Thank you for your dedication to providing Blankets for Church World Service. Last year, Union UCC helped to provide CWS Blankets to people throughout the world. Thanks to you, families in emergency shelters across the country received blankets when they arrived. You helped them stay warm in their time of need. You have shared God's grace with people and have made a difference in their lives.

## Reverse Advent Baskets

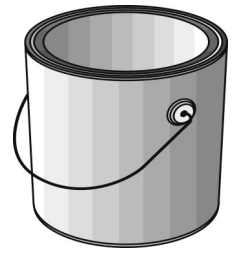
Thank you to all who filled the Reverse Advent Baskets during the recent Advent and Christmas Season. Your donations of groceries, toiletries, gloves, socks, mittens, children's books & crayons weighed close to 1,000 pounds. All donations have been sorted and distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Sixth Street Shelter and Family Promise. Your generosity supporting the Christian Education Department's mission project will provide nutrition, cleanliness, warmth, and love to many local people and families.



Union UCC is blessed to be able to share God's Love to the World!

### From the Property Committee

Improvement projects are in the works for 2019. This year's main project will focus on our sanctuary. Painter's will begin in January and February by painting the pews on the main floor of the sanctuary and the woodwork along the walls, plus the window and door frames. The hymnal racks will also be stained and cleaned up.



Part two of the sanctuary project will happen this July or August as the rug will be replaced. The old rug will be removed, a new layer of quarter inch plywood installed in the whole sanctuary, and the new rug installed on the main floor and the pulpit. The pews will be moved and re-installed after the rug is installed. This will be a major project for Union UCC and long overdue. More details of this part of the project will follow in future newsletters.

Smaller projects, repairs, upgrades and routine maintenance will occur around the church campus as needed throughout the year. Stay posted.

### From the Financial Leadership Team

2019 Envelope packets have now been picked up or posted to you! Please let the office know if you did not receive envelopes and want some.



Please use your new envelopes for 2019, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets. Thank you, the Financial Leadership Team

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND USED BOOK COLLECTION:



Collections of your gently used holiday decorations (Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter, etc.) and used books began in January. Holiday decorations shall be in good condition, and able to be resold during our **May 4, 2019 Yard Sale**. Used books shall also be in good condition, with covers attached. Hard cover, soft cover and children's books are the best sellers. Encyclopedia's, reference books, and manuals are not accepted.

Please drop off your donations of decorations and books to the **stage in Memorial Hall**. All items will be sold during our **May 4 Yard Sale**.

## FROM PHIL WEHR and the Financial Leadership Team

We will start with some audience participation.

Stand up and keep standing if you donated blood last week.

Stand up if you helped pack meals at last month's Feed My Starving Children event.

Stand up if you helped at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank this month or have donated food to the shopping cart.

Stand up if you supported Blanket Sunday.

Stand up if you supported the Salvation Army Christmas Tree.

Stand up if you made a gift shoe box or prepare a reverse advent basket.

Stand up if you support the mission envelope in your envelope packet.

Stand up if you are supporting the weekly offering envelope today.

By now all of you should be standing.

Clap your hands if you support feeding the hungry.

Clap your hands if you support helping the homeless.

Clap your hands if you support our fire fighters, police and military.

Clap your hands if you support families after devastating natural disasters.



Yes, keep clapping! You are the hands and heart of this church and God's mission. You are providing for this church to help local families, and people around the world with your support of the many mission projects that Union UCC supports with hands on help, financial support, and tangible merchandise and products. **Last year alone, we provided over \$68,000 of donations, both financially and in donated products like food, toiletries, hygiene kits, Christmas gifts and more.**

**Thank you for your past and future support and for making your faith one of action and love.**

### **The Financial Leadership Team Thanks You**

Thank you for your faith commitments to God and God's church. We're grateful to those of you who submitted a Faith Commitment Card prior to January 6<sup>th</sup> and since then. You are still welcome to hand one in. We know that many of you renewed your commitments to God privately as well. We pray that as you move through 2019 that your faith commitments will be a blessing to you and to our work and life together.

**Thank you for all that you bring to God's mission and ministry here.**



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

## BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us on Feb. 7th and 21st to study the Bible in new and creative ways. You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, and ideas. We meet in Room 5, 9:30-11.



## CE FUNDRAISERS

We will be selling **Gertrude Hawk Candy** and **Butter Braids** for Easter this year. Place your orders with a child, in the foyer, in the office, or online. Orders will be delivered in time for Easter.



**SPONSOR a LIL SMIDGEN for KIDSPEACE**

Buy a box of candy for \$7.

We will send it to the children for Easter.



## MESSY CHURCH

Wed., February 13th 5:30-6:45ish

Join us for Crafts/Activities, Dinner and Worship

**It's ALL ABOUT LOVE!**

RSVP to Kathy (dired@unionucc.org) or just show up!

## February

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FEB. 3** Jeremiah 1:4-10

**FEB. 10** Luke 5:1-11

**FEB. 17** Jeremiah 17:5-10

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

**FEB. 24** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

APRIL 7 (11:30-12:30) RSVP to Kathy by Mar. 31

## BLANKET SUNDAY

Let's hug our neighbors with a nice, warm blanket. Church World Service provides blankets to victims of natural disasters in the United States and around the world. **ONLY \$10.00** buys a blanket! We will be collecting **BLANKET SUNDAY** envelopes in Children's Church on Feb. 17th.



## VBS 2019

**Planning Meeting—FEB 26, 10:00am**

It's that time of year again! Time to start planning for another exciting Vacation Bible School at Union UCC! We need your help to make this summer's program (June 24-29) the best it can be. Be part of the fun and excitement of **ROAR!**

REGISTRATION forms will be available March 3!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** MARCH 24 LENT CELEBRATION (after the 10:30 worship) FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and a SEASONAL CRAFT



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

February 2018

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group by purchasing a baked potato lunch or donating to our Spuds and Suds! Through supporting the Youth Group, you help the outreach and fun projects they get to do!  
**Thank You!!!**

## **YOUTH SUNDAY!!!!**

**MARCH 17, 2019**

### **THEME: Rock Your Soul!!!**

All help will be needed! This is a great way to celebrate the youth of Union UCC!!!

Use the link to sign up for what interests you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth1>



## **February 9-10, 2019**

**Confirmation Sleepover!** Youth grades 9-12 welcome to join our confirmation class. Let Pastor Kayli know if you plan on attending. Permission papers in Pastor Kayli's mailbox (green papers). Please return them ASAP!

## **ADVISORY LUNCH FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

**11:30am-?**

Please join us for our advisory lunch. We will be finalizing some things for Youth Sunday! We will also be doing some spring/summer planning!

**Following the advisory lunch we will be going to do an Escape Room as a youth group! Parents welcome!!**

**\*Please let Pastor Kayli know if you plan to attend\***



## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

February or March:

### **YOUTH GROUP BOWLING!**

Time and date to be decided yet, but keep an eye out for it!

**March 5, 2019 @6pm**

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Youth are the servers! So come help, and then eat yummy pancakes



The preschool was “WILD” about learning in January, covering all things animal. The students explored different habitats through crafts, books, lessons, songs and play. The dramatic playroom magically became an Arctic area, a jungle, and an area to play under the sea, including a shark tent! The 3’s experimented to see how whale blubber keeps them warm in cold water, while Pre-K talked about buoyancy in salt water versus fresh water. A favorite activity for all of the students was playing with animals in both water and sand tables. The halls were filled with our renditions of the 5 Little Speckled Frogs and Baby Shark songs. For an up to date look at what is happening in the preschool, check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year begins with an Informational Open House on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will continue to take applications until our classes are full. If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more information or a registration form, please email [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) or call the Preschool office at 610-767-5327.

Dear Supporter:

Our school (**Neffs UCC Preschool**) ID#: **40990** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant!

**New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:**

Visit [giantfoodstores.com](http://giantfoodstores.com) and select “SIGN IN” at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select “MY ACCOUNT”, followed by “MANAGE MY ACCOUNT”, then “REWARDS & SAVINGS” to select your school.

If you do not have an online account, visit [giantfoodstores.com](http://giantfoodstores.com) and click “REGISTER”. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above. You’ll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-888-814-4268 option 1.

**To earn points:**

Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at any Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.

At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.

Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,

Annette Wilcox-Director

**Dual Member Status Approved by Consistory** Dual membership is available to people who wish to join our church but who want to also maintain membership at another church. Dual members will have the same rights and duties as a member. According to our Constitution members are required to commune and donate yearly. We look forward to continuing to welcome new members into the Christian journey with our faith family here at Union UCC.

**New Member Sessions** Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **February 10 and 17 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, February 24 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. Upcoming dates are **March 24 and May 19**. 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](mailto:officeassistant@unionucc.org) or [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

## Adult Studies

### **FRIDAY MORNING ADULT STUDIES WITH PASTOR KRIS**

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

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

(Feb 1 – No Class), **Feb 8, 15, 2, March 1, March 8**

Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine. This will be a wonderfully rich look at 6 of Jesus' parables.

### **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. February 3 and 10 Christianity and World Religions** by Adam Hamilton. We will look at Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism and compare beliefs and practices with Christianity.

**Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Taste and See – Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers and Fresh Food Makers** by Margaret Feinberg

We will be looking at scripture from a culinary exploration.

## 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



**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, February 24, 2019.**

Abby Hill is our Instrumental Assistant Choir Director.

If you are interested in playing with the group please

contact Abby at [applepieabby09@gmail.com](mailto:applepieabby09@gmail.com)

or Blake Hoppes at [blake.charger@gmail.com](mailto:blake.charger@gmail.com)

Please contact Abby If you'd like to offer special music on a Sunday. Your music blesses our time of worship!



# Mission Committee Updates

## SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Feb 3, 2019

Let's get ready for some football during the Super Bowl. Let's get ready to buy and donate canned soup during our annual SOUPER Bowl celebration.

The soup pots will be out early in mid January to start collecting soup for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Help TACKLE HUNGER by buying a six pack of soup, or head for the goal line with a case of 12 or 24 cans.

The Mission Committee encourages all members to get off the sidelines, get in the game and donate canned soup to feed families in the community. We need YOUR help to meet our GOAL to collect over 600 cans of soup. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Join in the fun on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 3, 2019 and join Union UCC and thousands of churches around the country as we celebrate SOUPER Bowl Sunday.



Thank you for fighting hunger and being on the winning SOUPER Bowl team.



### MISSION THANK YOU From Meal on Wheels:

*"We are very grateful for your generous gift of \$400 in support of Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. This year we expect to prepare over 500,000 meals for homebound, older and disabled adults residing in the Lehigh valley. More importantly, your support helps to ensure that every senior in need of home delivered meals receives the nutrition that they deserve to help maintain their health and well being. We all want to stay living in our own home for as long as possible. Home delivered meals afford our clients this opportunity. As our caring volunteers deliver meals, they help to alleviate the sense of loneliness that many clients feel as well as providing a check on their wellness and safety.*

*Thank you for supporting our efforts to serve the nutritional needs of those we serve."*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and meals from all my church family. A great help for healing and getting me back to join my church family. -Ruth Ensley



### Our Staff and Pastors Thank You!

We love our jobs and we love serving you and God's church. We are so very thankful for the many ways that you support us in our work as helpers and volunteers. Your support and kindness bring a smile to our hearts. We are especially grateful for the generous gift that you gave to us at Christmas. Thank you to the Church and Ministry Committee and Donna Christman for organizing this effort. We hope that your Christmas and New Year were a blessing to you. **Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Rev. Patience, Kathy Bonsell, Amanda Sweeting, Ori Handwerk, Tricia Scripture, Maria Beltz, Blake Hoppes, Ryan Correll, Dylan Kuntz, AJ DiPaolantonio and Abby Hill.**



### CHURCH LIBRARY

Did you know we have a treasure upstairs, behind the Memory Room? Next time you are at church, check out our library or better yet, check out some books!

### 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.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 3, 2019

SouperBowl Sunday/Tailgate Lunch,  
Jazz Ensemble

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Message: Motivation vs. Inspiration**

**Preacher:** Brad Hackett, Member and Former  
Consistory President

**Lay Readers:** Michael Roth,

**Greeters:** Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones

## Sunday, February 10, 2019

Confirmation Class Leads Worship

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Message:** We All Make Mistakes

**Lay Readers:** Confirmation Class

**Greeters:** Doug & Angie Kuntz, SueAnn  
Hregician

**\*There will NOT be communion on this  
Sunday as noted in other calendars.**

## Sunday, February 17, 2019

Blanket Sunday/Boy Scout Sunday

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Luke 6:17-26

**Message:** The Way of Blessing

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

**Lay Readers:** Carol Pope, Vicki Mayk

**Greeters:** Todd & Amy McCoy, Malcolm &  
Margie MacKenzie

## Sunday, February 24, 2019

New Members Received

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Text:** Luke 6:27-38

**Message:** Jesus Talks About Love...Again

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

**Lay Readers:** Brad Hackett, Leah Seyler

**Greeters:** Mark & Debbie Dalusio, Carolyn Seyler

**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.

**Next Communion Sunday is March 3rd  
At 8:00am and 10:30am**



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday, March 6**

Stop by for a quiet time of prayer, communion  
and to receive ashes in the sanctuary.

**Worship at 12noon-12:30 and 7-7:30pm**

OR

Drive by for ashes and a prayer in the parking  
lot.

**7:30-8:30am and 5:00-6pm.**

**Sunday, March 31**

**Music Guests: Alatheia  
8:00am and 10:30am**



Welcome Mande and Cristi back for the 6th time.  
Enjoy their original music and their arrangements  
of favorite hymns.

[www.alatheia.com](http://www.alatheia.com)

[story.song.community](http://story.song.community)

## WOMEN'S GROUP

**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

**Out of Our Minds Art Studio**, 65 Lea Street Macungie, PA 18062. \$20 Place cash or check made to "Teri Fekula" in an envelope in the offering plate or give to Pastor Kris. Accepting registrations until Feb 3 or spots are filled. Includes choice of 1 painting (out of 2), snacks, wine, beverages. Those interested in carpooling can meet at our church at 2:15pm. Contact **Teri Fekula** ([teri@fekula.com](mailto:teri@fekula.com)) 267-241-9003 to sign up. Hope you can join us!

**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

## MEN'S GROUP

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner** Contact Randy Bilger [randy.bilger@yahoo.com](mailto:randy.bilger@yahoo.com) or Pastor Kris if you'd like to help coordinate or serve this meal. This will serve as a fundraiser for Family Promise.

**Union UCC Night at the Iron Pigs, Saturday, June 15, 2019** Game time: 6:35 p.m. (We will meet one another in our seats at Coca Cola Park.)

Opponent: The Columbus Clippers Cost per ticket: \$11 To reserve tickets, call John Snyder-Samuelson at 484-809-3815. As of January 18, 2019, John has **29** tickets available.

# Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, March 30**

**5-7:00pm**

**\$10 Adults and age 10 and older,**

**\$6 ages 3-9, under 3 free**

**All You Can Eat**



**Tickets available on Sundays  
and at the door.**

**Union UCC \* 5550 Route 873, Neffs**

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

**Hosted by the Men's Group**



Spaghetti (meatball or  
sausage) \* Salad \* Bread \*  
Dessert \* Drink



Serving children and families  
that are homeless in the  
Lehigh Valley

# Golden Times

*For those wise in years  
and young at heart*

Our next gathering will be  
**February 5th**

**12 noon – 1:30pm**

Includes soup, lunch and a  
program: **Traveling to  
Alaska and Iceland with  
Nicholas Toto**

Bring a dessert to share—we  
could use a few sugar free  
desserts too!

## Donation items:

Toiletries, soap, tooth paste,  
deodorant, hair care products

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

**We will not have Golden  
Times in March due to the  
Pancake Supper on March  
5th at 6pm.**

## *Tales from the Road*

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson  
Minister of Visitation

### Did You Know?

Dorothy George is the oldest girl born to Allen Milton Myron George and Ethel Schneck George. She grew up on her parents' farm with her 2 brothers and 6 sisters. Alan and Ethel George raised turkeys to make into barbecue and roast turkey for local banquets and chickens for their eggs. Everyone helped on the farm. Over the years Dorothy had several jobs, most notably helping to feed the turkeys and helping her father unload the large bags of feed for the turkeys.

Dorothy enjoyed having several dogs on the farm, especially her Border collie, Mollie. When she and her sisters were old enough to ride, their father bought them a Shetland pony, Timmy. When they wanted to graduate to riding horses, her father insisted that the girls pay for and care for their own horses. Dorothy had two horses, Lady and Toka, whom she would ride on trails on the farm.

Dorothy attended Schnecksville Elementary School and Parkland High School (now Orefield Middle School) where she was one of the only girls studying agriculture.

Dorothy will be 80 this October. She lives at Eastern Comfort Assisted Living in Slatington and enjoys words searches and adult coloring books. She'd love to hear from you:

Dorothy George  
Eastern Comfort Assisted Living  
206 Diamond Street  
Slatington, Pa. 18080-1589

## **Birthdays:**

Kay Wieand 2/2  
Verna Traube 2/9  
Melvin Mertz 2/11  
Naomi Follweiler 2/15  
Franklin Strauss 2/15  
Alma Clauser 2/23

**Creation Care Tip:** Did you know that preventing food waste can help the environment? When food waste ends up in the land fill you not only waste the effort of the growers, transporters and sellers of the food, but rotting food adds to the methane emissions, which contributes considerably to climate change. Get creative about planning meals more carefully and using up left over food. Of course this is soup season, which is a great opportunity to use up all those last little bits of vegetables in your fridge!

# Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service 8AM 10:30AM		CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
Dec 2	107	222	27	356
Dec 9	109	186	20	315
Dec 16	86	181	17	284
Dec 23	73	169	31	273
Dec 30		132		132

## TOTAL ATTENDANCE

December 2017: 1,156 December 2018: 1,360

12/21 7pm	<b>62</b>
12/24 3pm	<b>311</b>
12/24 5pm	<b>413</b>
12/24 8pm	<b>409</b>
12/24 11pm	<b>227</b>

## THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS FOR FEBRUARY:

February 3 - Souperbowl Sunday – No Committee  
 February 10 - **Confirmation Class – Pastor Kayli**  
 February 17 - No Committee  
 February 24 - **Welcoming Committee (Randy Bilger)**



## 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.

	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$1,453	\$11,097
Income	\$265,972	\$28,774	\$294,746
Expenses	\$210,159	\$27,108	\$237,267
12-31-2018	\$65,457	\$3,119	\$68,576

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

**Welcome, Barbara Carinci** Consistory voted to hire Barbara Carinci as our payroll manager. She will work remotely at home for about 5-8 hours a month preparing payroll and related items for our pastors and staff. Amanda Sweeting will continue in her role as Office Administrator and Tricia Scripture will continue as our Office Assistant. We're grateful to all of them for their work on our behalf.

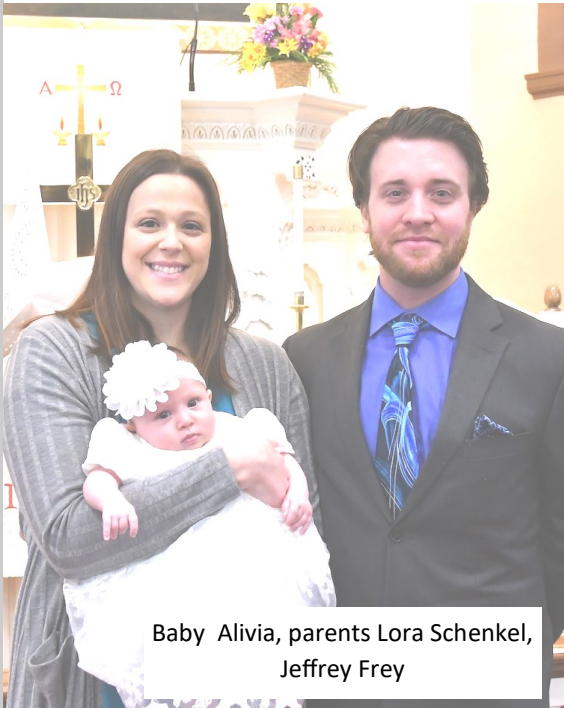


## Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Every Sunday

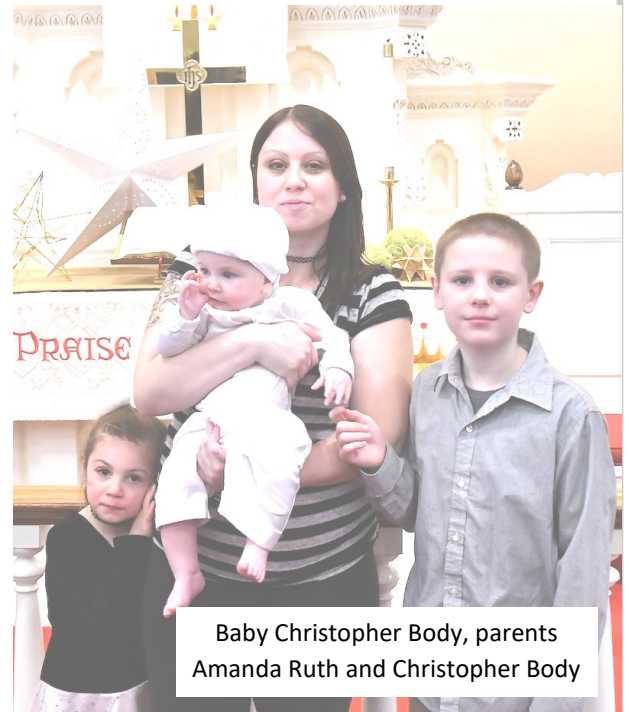
**9:15-10:15 & 11:30-12:00**

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.

## Baptism photos from January 13th 2019



Baby Alivia, parents Lora Schenkel,  
Jeffrey Frey



Baby Christopher Body, parents  
Amanda Ruth and Christopher Body



Baby Emery, parents Kelly and  
Anthony Bove



Baby Jacob, parents Cassi and  
Michael Williams



Baby Bailey, parents Jenna and  
Justin McNicholas

## Our blessings and prayers go to:

The family and friends of **Florence Solt**, whose funeral service was held on December 29. Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Bruce and Donald Zellner, Esther Peters, Susan Peters, Harriet Herb, Shirley Smith, Terry Sell, Mary Alice Wotring, Doris Sieger, Emory and Dianne Minnich, Carole Beck, Lehigh Furnace Union Sunday School, Carl and Geraldine Frantz, APCI Chorus,



The family and friends of **Ron Sechler**, whose funeral service was held on January 4. Memorial Fund donations in his name were made by: Diane Pesola, Carol and Charles Mesics, Terrance Frana, Richard Christine, Dennis and Darlene Kreitz, Oliver and Althea Blose, Dorothy Best, Grace and Clair Schneck, Nancy and John Remaley, Elly and Ben Remaley, Richard Remaley, Phil and Julie Wehr, Donna Christman, Linda Pfeiger, Sharon Habern, Marian and Gerry Remaley, Cheryl and Gary Yenko, Kathie and David Remaley, Arlene and Harold Remaley, Dennis and Denise Rothrock, Mel and Sondra Mertz, Vicki Sorg and Family, Linnie Person, Shirley McMullen, Lloyd and Ardith Kuhns

Further Memorial Fund donations in **Frederick Scherer's** name were made by: Carolyn George, Hubert and Grace Sell, Brian and Karen Selig and Family

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.*

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# Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



						<b>1</b> 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> SouperBowl Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Tailgate Lunch	<b>4</b> 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:15pm Fellowship mtg 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>5</b> 11:30am Golden Times 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>6</b> 9:15am Staff Mtg 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Church & Ministry	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed mtg	<b>8</b> 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b> 12pm Youth group Conference sleepover	
<b>10</b> Confirmation Class Leads Worship/ 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds / NewMember class 3pm Women's Group paint	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm.	<b>12</b> 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>13</b> 10am KnitWits 5:30 Messy Church 6:30 Spiritually Fit	<b>14</b> 7pm Chime Choir	<b>15</b> 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> Blanket Sunday/Boy Scout Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds / NewMember class <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b>	<b>18</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b> 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	<b>19</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b> 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>20</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b> 9:15am Staff Mtg 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30 Spiritually Fit	<b>21</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 1:30pm Country Sale mtg 7pm Chime Choir	<b>22</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b> 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES</b>	
<b>24</b> New Members Received 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds / Pre Baptism mtg 11:30 Youth Group Advisory lunch and escape room	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>26</b> 9am Newsletter crew 10am VBS planning mtg 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>27</b> 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit	<b>28</b> 6pm Preschool art event 7pm Chime Choir			