



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

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PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, March 5
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.



ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, March 6
Stop by for a quiet time of
prayer, communion and to
receive ashes in the **Church
Sanctuary. Worship at**
12noon-12:30

OR 7-7:30pm
OR Drive by for ashes and a
prayer in the
Parking Lot.
7:30-8:30am and
5-6pm

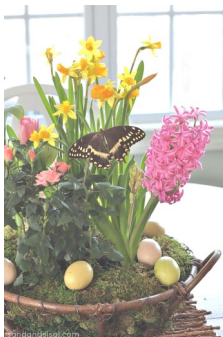


Lent Celebration

March 24, 2019

Immediately after 10:30 worship.
Fellowship Hall
**Lunch served by
the Fellowship Committee.**
Please bring a DESSERT to share.
Family Project: SPRING BASKET
\$10

*Sponsored by your Christian Education
Committee*



Lent Celebration Registration Form (Due March 17th)

Family Name: _____
Email: _____
Adults: _____ # Children: _____
_____ We are only staying for lunch.
\$10 per family for craft supplies.
CASH CHECK _____



Sunday, March 31
Music Guests: Alatheia
8:00am and 10:30am Worship



Welcome Mande and Cristi back for
the 6th time. Enjoy their original music
and their arrangements
of favorite hymns.
www.alatheia.com
story.song.community

BLOOD DRIVE

Pull out your cookbooks and roll up your sleeves! Union UCC is ready for the 4th Annual **Pint for Pint Blood Drive**. We are looking for 22 soup cooks who want to share their love by preparing homemade soup, stew or chili for this popular mission. We're also looking for up to 48 individuals willing to donate a pint of blood to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, the only blood supplier for the area's

11 regional hospitals. This great event will be held on **Sunday, March 24** in Memorial Hall, from 8 am until 1 pm. All registered blood donors, whether you make it through the whole donation process or not, will receive one pint of the soup of your choice. If you prefer not to donate or are not eligible, you can still help Miller-Keystone by purchasing soup, available in pints for \$4 and quarts for \$6. All proceeds go to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Over the last three years of Pint for Pint Blood Drives, we've been able to send them 105 pints of blood and \$1500. Register for your time slot or find out if you are eligible to donate by visiting www.giveapint.org

Speak with Phil Wehr if you'd like to make soup. Call or text Susan Smith at (610) 366-7284 with questions or if you need help getting scheduled. Thank you for keeping this life-saving mission going strong.

MISSION THANK YOU's

From the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:

Thank you for the donation of over 300 cans of soup from Souper Bowl Sunday. Your continued support of donations of groceries and toiletries, along with the financial aid your church provides is a true blessing to the local families we serve. We serve over 250 families in the Northern Lehigh Area who need assistance to provide food for their family. Blessings to all.

From Family Promise of Lehigh Valley:

To the congregation of Union United Church of Christ, On behalf of Family Promise of Lehigh Valley, I would like to thank you for your generous financial donations from Funds of Lasting Gifts, and your fall musical concert by Blake & Ben.

Your support shows the strong commitment that you have made to improve lives of homeless children and the families right here in the Lehigh Valley.

Our goal is to provide meals, lodging and mentorship while they work towards stability for themselves. Each donation we receive puts us one step closer to achieving this goal. We ask that you continue to pray for the success of this most worthy endeavor.



From the Property Committee

March greetings to all, spring is on its way !! To date, winter has been moderate in regards to snowfall, a big thank you to our paid snow plow crew for plowing and salting the parking lots as needed, and the snow shoveling crew, which includes caretaker Ori and church members for keeping the sidewalks and entranceways open and safe for our staff, the preschool, and all who use the church building on a daily basis.

During the month of January, the painting crew was busy in the sanctuary painting all of the pews on the main level. They also painted the woodwork along the side walls, the interior doors and door frames, and the window frames. All of the hymnal racks and pencil holders were removed and stained, plus the top wooden rails of each pew was stained. Five painters worked daily for four weeks to complete this project. We thank Landmark Painters from Nazareth for their fine job on this project.

This summer, after a few years of planning and discussion, a new rug and plywood underlayment will be installed in the main level of the sanctuary. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Penn Northeast Conference Multi – use facility in Guatemala

Multi-Use Facility Going up in Monte Margarita, Guatemala

The Pennsylvania Northeast Conference Amigos De Guatemala partnership with the Council of Ecumenical Church in Guatemala is starting to see the construction of a multi-use facility nearly finished. The money for the building has been raised through our churches here including Union UCC. The building will serve as a health clinic, a place for education, perhaps worship and more. A delegation is being planned for Spring 2019 to dedicate the building and celebrate the opening. Thank you for your support through the years.

On Sunday, April 7th Misael Mendez, a pastor from this community, will preach at Union UCC and share more good news.

Update on Pastor Kris from Pastor Kris



You may have heard that I spent a few days in the hospital in January. I was scheduled for a routine test and was unable to have the test done when they found I have an irregular heart rate and am in A Fibrillation (AFib). I didn't have any symptoms and now have some fatigue from the medications and heart rate changes. I'm doing well overall and the doctors expect to treat this fully eventually. In a month I'll see an electrical doctor to see what next steps are available to me. As many of you know because you have this or know someone who does, it's very common. In fact, all three of our previous pastors (Pastor Tom, Pastor Bill and Pastor Allan) have some variation of AFib. My doctors tell me my heart is strong and that overall I'm doing well. I promise to keep you posted as things move forward.

Thank you for your prayers and support, your care means the world to me.

Welcome New Consistory! From Pastor Kris

We have a variety of volunteers and gifts that people offer here at Union. Your generosity of time helps us continue to serve and love God and fulfill God's mission here. This month, we thank those of you who serve on Consistory. May God continue to guide and bless us in our journey.

Giving Thanks to God to Consistory Members Finishing Their Service: **Brad Hackett, Marilyn Hill, Sue Neal, Susan Smith, Roy Middaugh**

Giving Thanks to God for those returning for a second term: **Deborah Wenner**

Giving Thanks to God for those starting their first terms: **Teri Fekula, Deb Belles, Patricia Warmkessel, Daniel Gilbert, Tami Wassum, Ron Pope**

Mission Statement of Union UCC

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring a dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach within our community and the world.

From Frank Sorg, on behalf of the Financial Leadership Team

The stewardship series insert in today's bulletin is entitled "gifts of presence." It tells us that in the gospel of Matthew chapter 5 verse 14 Jesus says to us – "you are the light of the world." It suggest that in today's modern world we should take these words to – inspire – motivate – empower – us to make a difference for love.

Over the years this congregation has been very good about making a difference for love. This year the church's expenditures and charitable contributions will total about \$550,000 – 75% of this is supported by donations from the congregation.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee – the financial leadership team – the consistory – the staff – and the pastors – I want to thank all of you for your generosity to support the church and its causes. Thank you very much.

We are working on a project to reinvigorate you considering to remember the church in your will as another way to fully employ the gifts we have for bringing light into the world and making a difference for love.

The church is working on an enhancement to the web site - which will add a link that when you click on it – it will take you to a page which will explain the opportunity to make a planned gift to the church.

The intent of this page is to increase awareness with the congregation on what a planned gift is and provide instructions of how to go about getting more information to evaluate if a planned gift works for you and to provide direction of how to do a planned gift if it fits your situation.

A planned gift allows the donor to leave a legacy and allows the donor, if he or she so chooses, to specifically designate that the funds be dedicated to a particular cause that is personally important to the donor.

You'll be hearing more about it later when it is completed and ready to go.

Let us pray: Gracious god today we ask your help to be the light of the world. Support us as we share your love and stride to make a difference for love in today's modern world. Provide us the courage to share our resources with others so that all people may know the fullness of life. Amen.



Youth Group News

March 2019 Edition

ROCK YOUR
SOUL



UNION UCC YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group t-shirts are
available for order! \$6 per
shirt! Order with
Pastor Kayli
Designed by Dylan Kuntz

Thanks to our AWESOME
confirmation class for all of the
donations they made to the Lehigh
Conference of Churches and the
Salvation Army.
Also, thank you for your wonderful
leadership of worship and Holy
Grounds Coffee Hour!
To our congregation: Thank you so
much for your continued support of
our confirmation class and our
youth!

YOUTH SUNDAY!

Theme: Rock Your Soul
MARCH 17, 2019 @10:30am
(senior preachers @8:00am too)
Youth report @ 9:15am

Join us as we celebrate YOU !!
The youth of Union UCC are always doing
such great things, so we have dedicated
a Sunday just for you!

There is still time to sing up to
participate! Whether you want to be a
leader/reader, a musician, or collect
offering...every little bit helps!!

Let Pastor Kayli know or use the link to sign
up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth1)

Things To Look Forward To:
Youth Group Bowling Night
Easter Egg Hunt (4/13/19)
(Service points for Confirm-
ands!!)
Country Sale (5/4/2019)
Summer "hang out" nights
National Youth Event: July 22-
25, 2020

Have a fun idea or mission project?
Let Pastor Kayli know
(pastorkayli@unionucc.org)



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

REMINDER: April 21st is **EASTER Sunday. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or CHILDREN'S CHURCH...**
See you in church!



First Communion Preparation

First Communion Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, April 7**, after the 10:30 service. The class is open to all first graders and any other students (2nd through 7th grade) who have not previously attended the class and would like to participate in communion. The children and parents will join Mrs. Bonsell and Pastor Kayli after church. We hope to conclude the session by 12:30pm. The children will receive their **first communion** on **Thursday, April 18** during the Maundy Thursday evening service. The children will then be prepared to take communion on Easter Sunday. Information flyers will be handed out in Sunday School and Children's Church. Please register with **Kathy Bonsell** before **March 31st**



Children's Church

March 3 Luke 9:28-36

March 10 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

March 17 Church Family Worship
YOUTH SUNDAY

March 24 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 31 Church Family Worship
ALATHEA

Bible Journaling



Join us on Mar. 7 and 21 to study the Bible in new and creative ways. You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, ideas, and new friendships!

Check out the CE Committee's yummy fundraiser....just in time for Easter!

We will be taking orders for **BUTTER BRAIDS** and **CAKE ROLLS** in March.

They arrive frozen April 13. Just defrost and bake for a delicious treat.

(We will have samples to taste on Mar. 17.)



VBS 2019 June 24-28

This summer Union UCC will be on an African Safari!! We will have a great time with lively songs, humorous skits, crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks....all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children (and adults). This year's program is scheduled for June 24th through the 28th, 9:00am to noon daily. We hope you can join us for a week of fun and adventure! Life is wild, God is good!

Registration Forms are located in Memorial Hall and the office. Please register by June 2nd.

We still need adults and youth to lead this year's VBS.

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Super Stupendous Summer Sunday School

Join us on June 9, July 21, and August 18 during the 10:30 worship service. The children will meet Mrs. Bonsell and her tour guides at the beginning of the service for a "summer vacation" adventure. They will travel to Africa in June, Italy in July, and Greece in August. (Worship bags will be available on non-travel Sundays.)

MEMORY VERSE

Our Sunday school children are learning the following verse:

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."



February has brought many snow days; it feels that we have missed more school days than have been in class. Despite the weather, we have moved away from winter activities and starting learning about Health and Wellness with the threes, complete with our annual Teddy Bear clinic. The students love seeing the inside of the Cetronia ambulance and practicing good hygiene with the Lehigh Valley Hospital Glitter Bug program. Our fours began fine arts and have already covered Van Gogh and Andy Warhol; we will finish the month with Monet and Da Vinci. To tie into our learning, we took a field trip to the Allentown Art Museum where we saw some of the subjects who had “stepped out of the painting” to tell us about the artwork. Finally, the Pre-K spent the month learning all about our 5 senses. All of the themes lead to fun science activities and art projects, which you could see samples of if you happened to walk through the Preschool halls or attended our Coffee House Art Show on February 28th.

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year began with an Informational Open House earlier this month. The rooms were packed with families coming to learn more about our programming and lots of children having fun making new friends. 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 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 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 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 **May 5 and 12 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, May 19 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 **May 19 and July 21**. 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

WELCOME to our New Members Received on February 24th: Brendan and Kimberly Visnar (Ella), Ashley Kriens and Ryan Martin (Ava), Rhonda Santilli (Jared, Max), Theresa and Kevin Messick (Savannah and Landon), Karen and John Harting, Cassi and Michael Williams (Jacob)

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**

March 1 and 8 Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine.

March 15 – serve breakfast at Jubilee Breakfast Ministry, Allentown

March 22, 29 - The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It By Peter Enns

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. 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, April 28th at 10:30

Abby Hill is our Instrumental Assistant Choir Director. If you are interested in playing with the group contact Abby at applepieabby09@gmail.com

or Blake Hoppes at blake.charger@gmail.com

Contact Abby If you'd like to offer special music on a Sunday. Your musical talents enrich our time of worship!

Catch the Spirit Award for March goes to the Kuntz Family. They were nominated by the Christian Education Committee. We will recognize them on Youth Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30am service.



Doug has a long history with Union UCC from the 1930's when his grandparents attended here. He and Angie were married here by Pastor Kris. Dylan and Cameron have attended from kindergarten through Children's Church and Cameron will soon be attending Confirmation classes.

Doug is employed at Northwestern Lehigh School District where he is the Behavioral Interventionist at the middle school. Angie is a Speech/Language Therapist at Alburtis Elementary School. Doug is an Assistant leader for Troop 57 and Angie is the secretary, Dylan is the Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster and Cameron is a Chaplain Aid. Dylan's activities include Community Editor for the Slate Newspaper, VP for Patriot Club and National Honor Society member and Cameron is involved in "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" (video making

competition), Concert and Jazz bands as well as a chorus member.

Both Angie and Doug's church activities include lay reading and greeting. Their many other activities include special music, God Guides (in the past), Munch Bunch and Children's Church teaching, and volunteering for VBS. Both Dylan and Cameron are currently on the Youth Advisory Team, play special music, and are members of the Youth Group; both have participated in the Youth choirs.

They feel Union UCC is making a difference in their lives. Some of the reasons they love coming here include: feeling welcomed without judgement; the MANY activities there are to participate in; the love; the encouragement that is given to the youth and they love going to church with friends and continuing to develop friendships.

They know the continuing support and love that they feel throughout the years has and will most definitely create continued cherished memories for their family.



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**.

It's time to start thinking about spring and yard sales again, why not sell your items at our Country Sale! (see insert for more info)

Date: Saturday, May 4th, 9-2

Cost: \$20 donation per indoor/outdoor space

Registration: Contact Dan Topp/download a contract at unionucc.org/pick up a form in the office

**** All unsold items can be placed in a truck for donations for Recycle Local. This is a fundraiser for our Preschool.**



Lent WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 3, 2019

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Luke 9:28–36, (37–43)

Message: Astounding

Preacher: Pastor Kris

Lay Readers: Doug Albert, Chrissy Shivok

Greeters: Connie & Ralph Gioielli, Dennis & Deb DeFrain

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6

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

Worship at 12noon-12:30

OR 7-7:30pm

OR Drive by for ashes and a prayer in the **Parking Lot**.

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Girl Scout Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Message: Susan Glosan

Lay Readers: Susan Rumble, Sueann Hregician

Greeters: Jim & Leanna Lane, Naomi & George DeNardo

Sunday, March 17, 2019

YOUTH SUNDAY

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service/Church

Family Worship

Message: Youth

Lay Readers: Youth

Greeters: Youth

Sunday, March 24, 2019

BAPTISM Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Luke 10: 38-42

Message: Tuning In

Preacher: Pastor Kris

Lay Readers: Whitney Kern, Doug Kuntz

Greeters: Karen Wonderly, Al Stubbman, Vicki Mayk

Sunday, March 31, 2019

GUEST MUSICIANS: ALATHEA

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service/

Church Family Worship

Lay Readers: Michael Roth, Elena Steidinger

Greeters: Ron Snyder, Ruth Ensley

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday

6pm Potluck Supper, Discipleship Meal and Worship with Communion, Preparing the Altar for Good Friday

Friday, April 19th—Good Friday

7pm Worship with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 21st

6am—Easter Sunrise Worship in the Cemetery with Communion

8am and 10:30am Easter Worship with Communion

Save the Date

CONCERT

June 2 at 3pm

Union UCC



Interrupted Silence

A music ministry of Union UCC

William Marshall, Artistic Director

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP

26 women enjoyed a Painting Party on Sunday, February 10th at Out of Our Minds Art Studio.

We hope you'll join us next time.



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.

MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, March 30th Spaghetti Dinner

Help us out, guys!

Sign up at

[https://www.signupgenius.com/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7spaghetti)

[go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7spaghetti](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7spaghetti)

to help or contact Randy Bilger randy.bilger@yahoo.com



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 Sundays and at the door.

Basket and Gift Card Raffle

Union UCC * 5550 Route 873, Neffs

www.unionucc.org

Hosted by the Men's Group

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



Family Promise[®]
of Lehigh Valley

*Serving children and families
that are homeless in the
Lehigh Valley*

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. John has 8 tickets remaining of the 40 he preordered. If you're interested, let him know soon so that we can order more tickets if needed.



VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY, ANY TIME!

Located through the Memory Room. Next time you are at church, check out our library and check out some books! (Card system used). Lots of Lent and Easter books! You can easily turn in your read library books in the mailbox marked "Library" next to the church office.

Golden Times

For those wise in years and young at heart

Our next gathering will be
April 2nd

Includes soup, lunch and a program: Meditation and Chair Yoga with Kathi Charles

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

Donation item: toilet paper

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.

*March Birthday:
Jean Wieand, March 22*

Tales from the Road Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

Curtis Frantz was born on December 11, 1931. He grew up on a farm in Rising Sun with his two brothers and sister. When he was 15 and his brothers and sisters had moved away from the farm Curtis moved to Egypt with his parents. He graduated from Bethlehem Business School in Accounting and spent many decades in the field.

Curtis married Elaine Kuhns in 1956. They lived in Egypt where they raised their family and Curtis had his business. Curtis and Elaine have two daughters and two grandchildren.

A lifelong member of Union UCC Curtis served as president of the Sunday School. Curtis's brother wanted to nominate Curtis to serve on the Consistory, as it was customary for an outgoing member of the Consistory to name their successor. However Curtis was unable to serve at that time as he was single. Once he was married Curtis made up for lost time and served four years as president of Consistory. When Curtis was young he remembers some unique customs at Union UCC. He remembers sitting in the church balcony with his father. At that time the men and boys would sit in the balcony, men on the right side and the boys in the left. The women and girls would be on the main floor of the sanctuary. The overhead lights would be turned off during the sermon. How times have changed!

While Curtis and his wife Elaine moved to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown 2 ½ years ago, they are just a phone call or a letter away. Feel free to call or write to Curtis:

526 Freemason Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3185
717-361-3819

Creation Care Tip:

What do TIDE, Cascade and Haagen-Dazs ice cream have in common? Soon they will be part of an exciting and innovative recycling initiative sponsored by TerraCycle. TerraCycle has partnered with several major companies which will ship your favorite items to you in reusable containers! Similar to the days of getting fresh milk delivered to your door, you will receive shipments of participating items via UPS and simply return the empty containers by leaving them at your door for pick up or dropping them off at a participating site. You need to sign up to be part of this new innovative approach which is launching in the US and France this spring. Go to loop-store.com to sign up.

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service 8AM 10:30AM		CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
Jan 6	79	175	34	288
Jan 13	70	263	23	356
Jan 20		58		58
Jan 27	80	176	24	280
	229	672	81	982

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

January 2018: 1,040 January 2019: 982

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$1,453	\$11,097
Income	\$303,045	\$30,154	\$333,199
Expenses	\$242,040	\$32,075	\$274,115
01-31-2019	\$70,649	-\$468	\$70,181

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



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THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS FOR MARCH:

March 3 – Christian Education
March 10 – Girl Scouts
March 17 - Youth Group
March 24 – Consistory
March 31 - Worship 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 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.



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.

You can make a difference

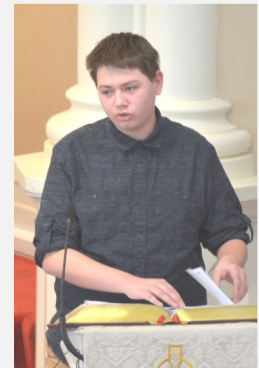
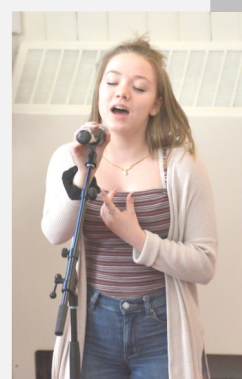
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Confirmation Sunday & Suds and Spuds photos! Photos taken by Kevin Richter, thank you !!





In Our Prayers

and Julie Wehr

Our blessings and prayers go to:

The family and friends of **Violet Baer**, who passed on February 20th.

The family and friends of **Geraldine Schaefer**, who passed on January 25th.

The family and friends of **Rev. James Knappenberger**, who passed on January 18th. Memorial Fund donations in his name were made by: Phil

Additional Memorial Fund donations for **Ron Sechler** were made by: Catharine Haberern

Belated Baptism photo of the Kochmaruk Family. Adam & Kristina (parents), Katie (big sister), and baby Eli from the May 2018 Baptism.



Thanks to our Office Helpers

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We always welcome newsletter assembly helpers on the last Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Youth Room.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



31 Lent 4 Music Guests: Alatheia 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon/ Church Fam worship	 March 2019				1 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	2 9am Private party
3 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon service	4 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	5 Shrove Tuesday 6pm Choir 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm Al Anon	6 Ash Wednesday 10am KnitWits 12pm service with Communion 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm service with Communion	7 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed mtg	8 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	9 11am Private party
10 Lent 1 Girl Scout Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds	11 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm.	12 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm Al Anon	13 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30 Spiritually Fit	14 7pm Chime Choir	15 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30amAdult Bible Study	16 5:30pm Staff Mtg
17 Lent 2 Youth Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon/ Church Fam Worship 11:30 Holy Grounds	18 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	19 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm Al Anon	20 9:15am Staff Mtg 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30 Spiritually Fit	21 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	22 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	23
24 Lent 3 Blood Drive 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Lent Celebration / Pre Baptism mtg	25 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	26 9am Newsletter crew 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm Al Anon	27 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit	28 7pm Chime Choir	29 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	30 5pm Spaghetti Dinner