



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13 at 1PM

Children - Infant to 10 years old, every child must be registered to attend. Deadline Sunday, April 7th—**see details on page 7**

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday 8am and 10:30am

Thursday, April 18 6-8pm Maundy Thursday

Pot Luck Meal, Worship and Communion in Fellowship Hall/
Basement Supper begins at 6pm. Bring a dish to share. We close
the evening in the sanctuary.

Friday, April 19 Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12-3pm

Stop by anytime to spend some quiet time in the sanctuary.

7pm Good Friday Worship & Communion

Sunday, April 21 EASTER CELEBRATION

6:00am Easter Sunrise & Communion,
in Cemetery, weather permitting

8:00am Easter Celebration & Communion

10:30am Easter Celebration & Communion

Sunday, April 28—Red Nose Sunday

Wear a silly or colorful hat, tie, socks or outfit and win a prize!



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COUNTRY SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

9AM-2PM

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

QUILT RAFFLE

HOME-MADE FOOD & BAKED GOODS



\$20 a space to sell your goods.

To make a space reservation see our website for
a contract form, contact Dan Topp
(DJToppSr@enter.net)
or the church office 610-767-6961

Volunteers: we'll need help with baked good
donations (Pastor Kris), serving food in the
kitchen (Diane Schaller dschaller59@gmail.com)
and take down/clean up (Phil Wehr
PJWehr@aol.com)

As we live in the season of Lent, anticipating Jesus' return to Jerusalem, his crucifixion, and ultimately his resurrection, we express our connection to the Christian story through a yearly

Easter Mission Offering. At

Union, we traditionally select

two worthy causes who will share the benefit. The Mission Committee has chosen Sixth Street Shelter, a locally-operated program serving approximately 100 families each year, and the **Keep Families Together Fund of the UCC** which helps provide financial support to those refugee families requiring legal assistance during forced family separations at the Southern US border. It is a fearful and stressful time for families facing homelessness, regardless of their personal journeys, into a seemingly endless darkness. The congregation of Union UCC can provide a light into their darkness. As when we welcome strangers into our congregation through Family Promise of Lehigh Valley, we extend a similar compassion and hospitality to families at Sixth Street Shelter and at the Southern US border through generous monetary donations from our members. To support this effort please you can make a check to Union UCC and placing it in your EASTER MISSION offering envelope in your packet or by placing it in any envelope with Easter Mission on the memo line and placing it in the offering plate.



Blanket Sunday Results

Donations for Blanket Sunday this year totals \$2,250 for Church World Services. Thank you for supporting this yearly event to provide warmth, comfort, and love to people around the world when disasters strike.

During 2018, Church World Services provided over 54,000 blankets to families around the United States (a record amount), many after the hurricanes in North and South Carolina, and to residents in California after the devastating forest fires. Over 5,000 blankets were distributed to families in various countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean Islands and Europe.

Elizabeth Frank, from CWS, states "Church World Service was only able to respond quickly to recent hurricanes and natural disasters because of generous congregations and groups who help to provide resources for blankets, and CWS kits. People come together to help families in need. This outpouring of love was inspiring".

Union UCC's recent support during Blanket Sunday will help CWS prepare to help families after the next natural disaster.

From the Property Committee

Union UCC's 162 foot tall steeple is a beacon of God's love and spirit to the Neffs Community. Driving to church from any direction, the church steeple leads us to our home away from home. People around the Lehigh Valley know of "Neffs Church" and our church steeple.

Even at night, from dusk till 11 pm, our steeple is brightly lit, showcasing our church and surrounding property. Last month, our steeple became even brighter as four new LED light fixtures replaced the eight older high powered spot lights. The new LED lights are nearly double the brightness, yet use only one third of the power to light the steeple. Next time you are driving to the church at night, look up and see how our steeple is beautifully lit.

Thank you to John and Gloria Simock, and Rick and Caroline Simock for funding this improvement to our church for all to enjoy. Your spirit shines "bright".

During the last week of February, the three air conditioning units of the New Beginning Addition were removed and replaced. After 16 years of use, the time was right to make this change. Repairs were starting to occur, and the coolants for the units would not be available to make future repairs. Rather than wait for full failure, the decision to replace them now made good sense, and also saved in the unit costs, and will save in future energy costs.

Thank you to the Laudenslager Heating and A/C crew of Orefield for performing this project, removing and replacing three indoor units, and three out door compressor units. In four days, the whole project was completed. Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund for providing the funds to allow this important project to happen. Pastors Kris and Kayli and all of the staff and helpers will be grateful for this improvement when summer comes. Stay cool.

From our member, Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek, serving through the United Church of Christ in Japan:

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings from Japan. This email is being sent to all churches that joined in the Christmas Card Project this past year. I wanted to bring you up to date on the realities in Japan. Please read the article below written by a Japanese politician who works internationally to raise awareness on the nuclear issue.

<http://akiomatsumura.com/?p=2525>

[Eight years on, Fukushima still increases health risks for Japanese and American children.](http://akiomatsumura.com/?p=2525)

March 11th will mark the 8th anniversary of the triple disaster that struck northeastern Japan. Our partners have been accompanying the survivors, and facing the unprecedented dynamics caused by the nuclear disaster. Global Ministries has walked with them from the beginning.

The Emmaus Center will conclude its relief activities as of the end of this month. They will be having a special "Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving" on March 23rd which I will be attending. As we enter Lent, I pray that our ability to empathize and pray for others will draw us closer to God's love for all of creation.

Acolytes! Attention to Acolytes— Prospective and Currently

Serving: Sixth graders, you are invited to attend NEW acolyte training on Sunday, June 2 from 11:30AM-12:30PM in the sanctuary. You will then be able to serve as acolytes on various Sundays and holidays throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to help prepare yourself for your Confirmation year.

Acolytes that are completing their service this year will be **recognized at the 10:30 AM service on May 5**. After worship, you and your families are invited to gather at DiFiores for a pizza lunch hosted by the Worship Committee.

For more information, contact the office, acolyte coordinator Susan Glosan, or Pastor Kayli.

Thanks to our 2018-2019 acolytes!

Samantha Christman, Riley Cordova, Lila Cygan, Naomi Henninger, Leah Horvath, Tori McCoy, Kaitlin Solt, Gracie Trexler

-Pastor Kayli

Youth Sunday photos taken by Kevin Richter, thank you !!



Youth Group News

MAY 4, 2019

COUNTRY SALE!!!

9:00am-2:00pm

Youth group sets up a tent (right by the DJ) to sell:

Walking Tacos

Root beer Floats

Soft Pretzels

Make sure to sign up to help!

More help = More Fun!!!

THANK YOU to every single person who helped make Youth Sunday AWESOME!!

Special thanks to Dylan Kuntz for designing this years t-shirt!

Thanks to all of the high school seniors who participated:

Ryan Correll, Brooke Penrod,
Julie Lane, Sam Gerry, Zach Kistler,
Vanessa Krempasky,
Chloe Krempasky, Adam Klinger

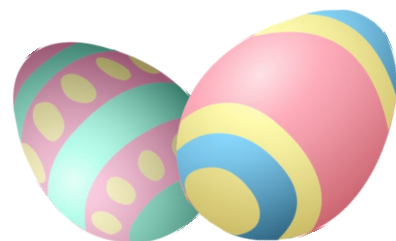
And finally, thanks to our amazing congregation for your support and love of all of our youth!!!

ON THE RADAR...

April 13: Easter Egg Hunt @1pm (youth are helpful)

May 5: Confirmation Day @ 10:30am worship

June 2: Graduate recognition (woohoo!!! Please make sure to send your information to Tricia officeassistant@unionucc.org)



RON SNYDER IS GOING OVER THE EDGE! As part of a fundraising campaign for the Lehigh Conference of Churches, Ron Snyder has volunteered to repel off the edge of an 11-story building in Allentown! Ron has done so much to help the Youth Group over the years, so let's show him our support and help raise money to help the programs of the Lehigh Conference of Churches. (Check out: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/valley-ote/> For more information) See Ron if you have any questions and to donate!



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

Thank you to everyone who ordered Gertrude Hawk and Butter Braids. Our Christian Education fundraisers help support many activities, including our Messy Church adventures. **Mark your calendars for a summer MESSY CHURCH on July 17th, 6:00-8pm!** We will picnic in the grove, enjoy worship under the trees, and have even messier crafts!



APRIL

Children's Church

April 7 John 12: 1-8

April 14 Luke 22:14-23:56

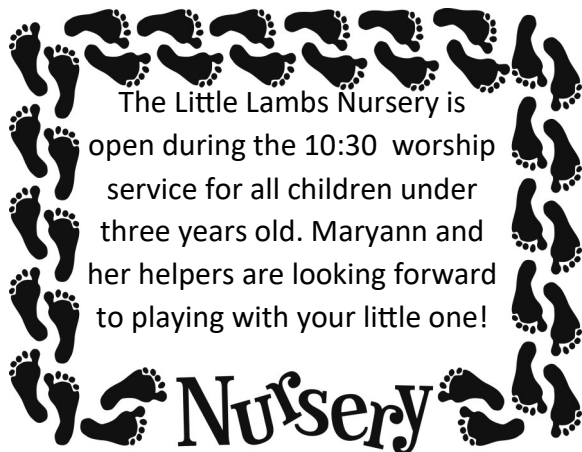
April 21 Church Family Worship

Easter Sunday

April 28 Revelation 21:1-6

Bible Journaling

Study scripture and enhance your understanding of the verses with design & color. Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies. Our April dates are April 4th & 18th. We meet in Room 5 at 9:30.



The Little Lambs Nursery is open during the 10:30 worship service for all children under three years old. Maryann and her helpers are looking forward to playing with your little one!



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, creative experiments, 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.

Due by June 2nd.

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

Painters and Builders Wanted!

We need your help to get ready for this year's VBS! We will work on painting decorations on Saturdays: April 6th, 9-12 and May 11th, 9-2 (lunch provided). We will be working in Memorial Hall. VBS experience not required, just ability to paint and handy with tools (husbands welcome!). Let Kathy know if you can join us.



THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class for making paper flowers for our home-bound members and Meals on Wheels clients. **Thanks for caring for others!**



GIFT BIBLES

Congratulations to Paisley Dojack for earning her WHIRL NRSV Bible.



WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

As our bulletin board downstairs says, the preschool is “Soaring Into Spring.” The 3’s will be taking off to explore the skies, land and water in all forms of transportation.

The Pre-K is also on an exploration during our “Road Trip Across America.” Instead of learning about forms of transportation, they will be covering geography and major national landmarks. Our 4’s are focusing on the theme of “Growing” covering plants, animals and of course, themselves! This month we also continued our preschool tradition of holding a Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser for all of the age levels. The generous donations from the sponsors help fund our spring activities and outings and the children have a blast aiming for a perfect strike. If you would like to sponsor a bowler, please let us know.

We would also like to thank the church members who stopped in to check out our 1st ever Art Show. We love the support as well as the kind comments about our students hard work. Look for more information as we hold next year’s show in March.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BUNNY’S VISIT:

Wrapped candy Examples: Wrapped kisses, chocolate/white Easter candy, etc.

Prizes for “lucky eggs” Examples: Books, coloring book, larger pieces of wrapped chocolate, pencils, chalk, stuffed toys...

Please bring donations before April 10 and place them in the containers at the church entrance- **NO PLASTIC EGGS** **Gift Cards/Cash:** \$5 gift cards are also appreciated. Place in offering plate or bring to church office.

Saturday,

April 13

1PM

For Children - Infant to 10 years old

In the Church Grove, weather permitting.

If not, Memorial Hall.

Bring a basket or container to collect eggs!



EASTER BUNNY VISIT / EGG HUNT Registration Form

Name : _____ Age _____

(Boy) (Girl)

Name : _____ Age _____

(Boy) (Girl)

Name : _____ Age _____

(Boy) (Girl)

Parent: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

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

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.

March 29, April 5, 12, May 3, May 10, May 17 (No Class April 19 and 26)

The Bible Tells Me So 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.

April 7 - Last Taste and See, April 14 Bad Girls of the Bible, April 21 (no Class), April 28 Bad Girls of the Bible

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!

What Shall We Bring by Don Penrod

What Shall We Bring... this is our theme for the year. Today we look at the Gifts of Word and Deed.

Our words must be backed up with action or deeds or it is nothing but puffs of air.....to quote the bulletin insert: "That is why the words and actions are to be blended together-the reminder of the need to do good deeds (words) and the practicing of the good deeds (action), even when we don't feel like it, leads us to better and more consistent results." And then it goes on to ask if we are "...consistently bearing good fruit?" These are tough things to hear and ask of ourselves, but necessary if we are to live out our discipleship.



It is truly AMAZING to be a part of this faithful and giving community! If you are looking for a purpose or a place to bring meaning to your life or someone else's life or even possibly bring meaning back into your life...Union UCC has something for you! We ARE a church of word AND action! It's not good enough to keep this secret to ourselves. We need to spread the word...let others know about it...not in a bragging way, but in a way to let them know that we need more messengers or we can be there to lend a hand or ear. We are a kind and welcoming church...we live it...we breathe it...we mean it. It just feels so good to say and hear it: we live it...we breathe it...we mean it...AND it is even better when we actually do it!

I'm so thankful for is the music that Blake and so many others bring to us every week. Last week, the song "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" was so perfect for us to hear. It was as if Pastor Kris hand picked it for us. Part of it goes like this: "I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through....Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?" Those are some powerful words for us to hear and to live out. We must continue to be there for those in need....in both word and deed!

Let me end this time with you by quoting one of my all time favorite songs: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love," by Peter Scholtes. When I hear this song, it just sticks with me for days. The message is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago. Verse 3 and the chorus go like this: "We will work with each other, we will work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love." We have a lot of work ahead of us. It is never-ending. Let's go and show our neighbors, our friends, our family, and even our enemies that we are disciples of God. Let them know that we are Christians by our LOVE!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Healing Service / Pray with a Pastor

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Preacher: Pastor Misael Mendez

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider, Don Penrod

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Mark 2:21-28

Message: Give It A Rest, Rev. Kris Snyder Samuelson

Lay Readers: Sue Steinmann, Harry Burger

Greeters: Marcey Kroll, Karl & Cathy Schmidt

Maundy Thursday

6pm potluck meal in Fellowship
(see front page)

Good Friday

7pm Worship with Communion

John 18:1—19:42

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday / Church Family

Worship / Communion

6:00am Sunrise Service Luke 24:1-12

They Remembered Rev. Kayli Freeman

8:00am Heritage Service Luke 24:1-12

So Where Is He? Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

10:30am Horizon Service Luke 24:1-12

Practicing Resurrection Rev. Kris Snyder Samuelson

Lay Readers: Carol Pope, Susan Smith

Greeters: Jim & Edie Fella, John & Debbie Romig

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Holy Humor and Red Nose Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Acts 5:27-32

Message: Being a Little Disruptive (Clowning Around) Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider, Leah Seyler

Greeters: Ron Snyder, Nancy Jones

***DON'T FORGET:** Wear a silly or colorful hat, tie, socks or outfit and win a prize.

Save the Date

CONCERT

June 2 at 3pm

Union UCC



Interrupted Silence

A music ministry of Union UCC

William Marshall, Artistic Director

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.

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.

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 Events from Pastor Kris

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 4 tickets of the 40 he preordered.

He ordered 20 more tickets, let's fill those seats!



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 offices.

From Union UCC's Church Grove

Spring is here, so remember to stop on over in the church grove to witness the daffodils, primrose, azaleas, and other flowers and trees in full bloom. God's beauty arrives each year in our church grove and woods. Take a walk and enjoy nature, bring your children for some playtime on the swings, or have a picnic lunch under our pavilions. Union UCC's grove and woods are here for everyone to enjoy.

Thinking of having a party in the grove this summer? Church members may contact the church office to reserve a date for family reunions, birthday or graduation parties, or any family picnics or parties in our church grove. Weekend dates often go fast, so call ahead to arrange for your special event.



Blues Nite Out

Winter Blues got you down? Well an early spring will be a quick cure. Then start thinking about Blues Nite Out this summer. Mark your calendars now - **Friday, August 23** with the return of Jake Kaligis and his band and **Saturday, August 24**, starting with Bev Conklin making a return performance in the grove, with BC's Combo Band, then headliner and local favorite, The Sarah Ayers Band.

Backyard BBQ Bash

Get ready for the fourth annual Backyard BBQ Bash, featuring Lorah Farm's Pig Roast and Chicken Dinners. Mark your calendars now - **Saturday, September 14**. Musical entertainment will once again be provided by TimeWhy's band, featuring music of the 60's and 70's. Get out your tie-dyed shirts and visit Neffs Church Grove for great food and music. More information to follow in coming months.

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

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.



Tales from the Road

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

In my travels around the Lehigh Valley visiting our wonderful members I often encounter a recurrent theme. This theme is gratitude. The folks I visit are grateful for a wife or husband, an adult child or grandparent, caregivers, our church, especially our Helping Hearts*. Even though these individuals are facing a variety of challenges, they are often more resilient because of an attitude of gratitude. Their gratitude is expressed for many kindnesses: for a spouse who visits daily at a Continuing Care Retirement Home, for an adult child who takes time off work to drive them to doctors' appointments or to take them grocery shopping, for a caregiver who makes sure they get their medication on time and ensures that they participate in recreational activities, for church friends who call, send cards or visit, for the Helping Hearts who bring flowers from the church. I'm convinced this attitude of gratitude significantly improves their quality of life.

We too can learn this attitude of gratitude. Take time every day to look for God's hand in your life – in large and small ways. You can express this gratitude out loud, or keep a Gratitude Journal, where you develop a daily habit of recording things you're grateful for. There has been a lot of research about the benefits of gratitude. The research shows that having a grateful heart improves our physical, psychological and spiritual health. Gratitude can help us sleep better and improve our relationships. Take some time today to reflect on what you're grateful for. Thank God for your blessings. Call, write or text someone who's made a difference in your life. Try to cultivate this as a daily habit.

(*We have a wonderful team of volunteers called Helping Hearts who visit our members who are no longer able to come to worship or other church events. Three times a year we have the opportunity to sponsor flowers for members on our Home Visitation List. Our Helping Hearts deliver those flowers and visit with our members. Please speak to one of the pastors if you'd like join our visiting team and become a Helping Heart.)

Creation Care Tip:

Are you tired of all the junk mail you get in your mailbox? One way you can save trees is to opt out of mail. Consumers can register at the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) consumer website: www.DMAchoice.org for a processing fee of \$2 for a period of ten years. Registering online is the fastest way to see results. They even offer an email preference service (to reduce unsolicited commercial email.) If you don't have access to the internet you can register by sending your name and address (with signature), along with a \$3 processing fee (check or money order payable to DMA) to: DMAChoice, DMA, P.O. Box 900, Cos Cob, CT 06807

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
	8AM	10:30AM		
Feb 3	69	162	19	250
Feb 10	105	272	24	401
Feb 17	93	166	23	282
Feb 24	68	189	34	291
	335	789	100	1224

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$1,453	\$11,097
Income	\$331,059	\$33,726	\$364,785
Expenses	\$280,312	\$34,124	\$314,436
02-28-2019	\$60,391	\$1,055	\$61,446

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

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

Feb 2018: 949 Feb 2019: 1,224



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THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS FOR MARCH:

April 7 -
April 14 - Church and Ministry
April 21 - Easter
April 28 - Fellowship 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

When you shop for back to school supplies at smile.amazon.com Amazon donates.

You shop. Amazon donates.
amazonsmile



AMAZON SMILE Don't forget Union UCC when you are **shopping** on AMAZON! We receive about \$100 per quarter as a result of you 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.

2/24/2019 New Members photos taken by Kevin Richter– Thank you!



Brendan, Kim and Ella Visnar



Ryan Martin, Ashley Kriens, Ava Martin



John and Karen Harting

Not pictured: Rhonda Santilli
(Jared, Max), Theresa and Kevin
Messick (Savannah and Landon),
Cassi and Michael Williams
(Jacob)

Easter Yard Signs

This Easter Season we will be handing out yard signs to show the community when worship opportunities are for Easter Sunday! Please make sure you grab one after worship on Sundays (3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14) and proudly display it for all to see.

A special thanks goes to everyone who contributes to **Spread the Good News** and the **Country Sale group** for helping to fund the signs and our **Welcoming Committee** for designing and handing them out to the congregation.

Also, thanks to **Grant Mertz and Mertz Signs** for the beautiful work.





Our blessings and prayers go out to:

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Thank you and Farewell to Amanda Sweeting, Office Administrator

Amanda has let us know that she will be moving to North Carolina to be near her family. She will be wrapping up here around mid April. Amanda's done a great job at learning how we do things here and helping us improve our work. The staff will plan a time of farewell and hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter we'll be advertising the position and interviewing candidates. **Thank you, Amanda, and love and prayers on your family's move.**

Thanks to our Office Helpers

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We 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
	1	2 12pm Golden Times	3	4 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed mtg	5 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	6 9:00am VBS Painting
7 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds / 1st communion class	8 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	9 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	10 10am KnitWits 12pm service with Communion 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm service with Communion	11 10:00am Preschool Board	12 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	13
14 Palm Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds	15 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm.	16 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	17 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30 Spiritually Fit	18 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	19 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	20
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