

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2019!

Confirmation Day May 5, 2019

Confirmation Class

Alyssa Ashford
Emily Bachl
Joshua Baron
Justin Chandler
Marissa Christman
Jacquelyn Fekula
Drew Filipovits
Andrew Hill
Alyson Kistler
Cameron Kuntz
Olivia Rice
Mitchell Roth
Riley Santa-Anna
Nickolaus Schmidt
Jacob Solt
Owen Stetz

Parents/Guardians

Diane Karpeuk
Todd & Karla Bachl
Nick & Shannon Baron.
Joseph Chandler & Amy Chandler
Michael & Robin Christman
JD & Teri Fekula
James & Kim Filipovits
Ryan & Jana Hill
Jim & Kelly Kistler
Doug & Angie Kuntz
Rick Rice & Natalie Rice
Michael & Jennifer Roth
Neil & Shelly Santa-Anna
Karl & Cathy Schmidt
Michael & Patricia Solt
Robert & Jodie Stetz

God-Guides

Edie Fella
Teri Fekula
Eric Minnich
Randy Bilger
Aften Hamm
Karla Bachl
Shelly Santa-Anna
Deana Correll
Jennifer Kareha
Don Wingate
Pam Bath
Tina Jarrett
Kim Filipovits
Dave DiPaolantonio
Deana Correll
Randy Bilger

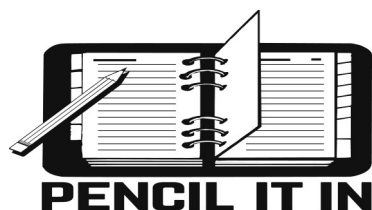
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COUNTRY SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
9AM-2PM
COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE



QUILT RAFFLE - HOME-MADE FOOD -
BAKED GOODS



First picnic of the summer!
Sunday, June 23 -Build Your Own Sundae Sunday
Church Picnic! Sunday, August 11
Blues Night Out August 23 and 24

April 2019 Consistory Actions

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

- Approval to purchase a new office copier following consideration by and recommendation of the Financial Leadership Committee - *Financial Leadership*
- Approval of funds from FOLG for tech to support staffing plan and new equipment - *Tech Support*

March 2019 Consistory Actions

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- Approval for Emery Landscaping to remove shrubbery and new planting to occur at the end of May for the front of the church and Memorial Hall - *Property and Maintenance*
- Approval to recommend replacement of the office copier - *Financial Leadership to review further and recommend next steps*
- Approval to accept Amanda Sweeting's resignation - *Church and Ministry*
- Approval for Search Committee for office staff - *Church and Ministry*
- Approval for the proposed office staffing plan with flexibility provided to the Search Committee to establish hours and compensation based upon skills and experience of selected candidates but within the financial parameters provided to Consistory - *Church and Ministry*

Consistory approved this new model for our Office Staff:

1. Church Office Administrator 25-30 hours/week Salaried (Previously, Communications Coordinator, plus Scheduling Building and Office supervision, please more support to staff) This position includes these responsibilities: oversight of church office and other office staff, pastoral and staff support, facility scheduling, reception, Sunday worship bulletin and monthly newsletter publishing, website and social media updating and a variety of church related business. Several areas are shared with other office staff, the Office Assistant, the Financial Manager and the Payroll Manager. The Church Administrator would help to oversee and coordinate shared projects.

Welcome **Marissa Haney** our new Office Administrator! Marissa started on April 10th and will be working Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. administrator@unionucc.org

2. Financial Manager 15-20 hours/week Salaried (Previously Office Administrator, minus previous additional responsibilities) This position includes these responsibilities: financial management and accounting for all church financial accounts.

Welcome **Sharon Biery** our new Financial Manager! Sharon started on April 23rd and will be working 4-5 days a week, 4-5 hours a day.

Previous positions and people still in place:

3. **Tricia Scipture** - Office Assistant for 12-14 hours/week
4. **Barbara Carinci** - Payroll Manager 5-8 Hours/month

Thank you to our Office Search Committee: **Dede Bilger, Donna Christman, Rick Klingensmith, Bill Metzger, Carrington Smith, Pastor Kayli, Pastor Kris**

Office Staff Transitions

Amanda Sweeting's last day was on April 26th. The church and staff thanked her with a gift and we wish her family well in North Carolina. Thank you, Amanda, for all that you shared with us during your time here.

Mission Committee:

From the Northern Lehigh Food Bank



Thank you for providing 250 five pound bags of potatoes for our Easter food distribution held on April 13.. 250 families in the Northern Lehigh area will receive this extra Easter food package. Thank you to Union United Church of Christ and the other 11 churches in the Northern Lehigh area for providing designated food items for this event, which include canned vegetables, fruits, gravy, stuffing, desert mixes and more. Each family also chooses a ham, turkey or chicken, dependent on their family size.

Your continued support of our food bank is a blessing to our client families all year long.

From Church World Service

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,255 to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope.

Your contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far. Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disaster occurs and support is needed in speedy fashion. May God bless you for your support.

From the Property Committee

Changes are starting to happen around the exterior of the church property. Many of the trees, bushes, and other landscaping around the main church and Memorial Hall have become overgrown, outdated, dying, or just in poor shape. The property committee decided the time was right to make a major change to the landscaping, and contacted Emery Landscaping of Schnecksville to provide a new landscaping plan for the church.

All of the shrubbery, bushes and landscaping around the church and the two tall trees at the corners of Memorial Hall will be removed, the large oak trees are all staying. During the end of May, Emery Landscaping will then plant new shrubbery and flowers around the church and Memorial Hall.

In June, there will be a fresh new look to our church property which we can watch grow and bloom in future years.

Thank you to Ken Conrad for initiating this project to beautify our church property. The project is being co-sponsored and funded by Ken Conrad, in memory of wife Margaret Conrad, and Larry Wehr in memory of parents Carlton and Velma Wehr. Costs associated with the removal of existing trees and shrubs were funded by the Wehr Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund.

Give praise for God's beauty.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

Union UCC will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday May 12 & May 19. Look for the special envelopes in the bulletin. Your support will help families improve their lives around the world.

Jason Klinger, nominated by Consistory. Received Catch the Spirit Award on April 7th.

Being a part of Neffs UCC has helped me develop a strong faith. I am a lifelong member who has both been baptized and confirmed through the church. Through confirmation, I visited and learned about many different religious places and this helped me understand my own faith and those of others. Lastly, my mom was a huge influence in building my faith as she taught me how to respect others and listen to different opinions. There was no one more wise or respectable than her.

My family currently revolves around my grandma (Darlene), dad (Karl) and brother (Adam). I am an 8th Grade Science Teacher at Orefield Middle School in the Parkland School District. I also run the Student Council at school and enjoy overseeing the school dances.

In the past I was involved with the High School Choir and the Youth Group, and more recently in SMA, the Horizon Choir, the Associate Pastor Search Committee, Consistory, Breakfast Club, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, Ben Anderson's church concert and other musical activities.

Without the Church (and a little bit of PK's nagging), I would have never started singing. The church has given me so many awesome opportunities to make music with other talented people. None of this would have been possible for me without the support of faith, the church and the amazing people of Neffs UCC.

Many of my favorite memories come from performing music at Christmas Eve services. I also get to sing special songs with other people during these services. That makes them all the better.



May Catch the Spirit Award Winners



Pam Gable, nominated by Fellowship Committee and will receive award on May 12th.

Pam is the daughter of Ronald & Eleanor Kocher, she is the middle child, with an older brother (Ray) and a younger brother (Randy). She is married to Roy for 26 years and has a daughter (Katelyn). She works for Carpenter Co. in Fogelsville as a machine operator cutting foam for mattresses for 8 years. Her hobbies include arts & crafts, sewing, hiking and biking the trails, figure skating.

She was baptized, confirmed and married in Neffs church; and has been an active member of the fellowship committee, and helps out anytime she needed with the youth group.

Being part of the church has made her feel more complete, by having new friends and pastors that are so amazing. They have helped her through some very rough times this past couple years and she is very grateful.

Her favorite church memory is with Pastor Kayli when her cousin got married, and all the friends she has made being part of the fellowship committee and the fun we have together.

Randy Kocher, nominated by Fellowship Committee and will receive award on May 12th.

Randy grew up in Huffs Lutheran and Neffs UCC church. He was baptized in Neffs and confirmed as an adult with Pastor Tom.

He is the son of Ronald and Eleanor Kocher and the youngest of 2 siblings. He has an older brother, Ray Kocher and an older sister, Pam Gable. He works for Barry Isett and Associates, a multi-discipline engineering firm, where he is a senior project designer involved in many structural and forensics projects. His outside hobbies include photography, traveling, RV camping, and hiking; his church participation include the Fellowship committee, Confirmand God Guide, and men's group.

Randy's church life has become home with not just friends, but family. That family has and is helping him grow faithfully and socially.

His most recent favorite memory - Helping with an awesome spaghetti dinner!

Past favorite memory - Spending time with Pastor Tom as an adult Confirmand.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MAY 2019 EDITION

May 4, 2019 Country Sale

Youth group will be selling walking tacos (\$3), soft pretzels(\$1), and both root beer and orange soda floats (\$2). Help support our youth group by purchasing!



MAY 4: COUNTRY SALE 9AM-2PM

MAY 5: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY @ 10:30AM WORSHIP

JUNE 2: GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY! GET YOUR INFORMATION TO

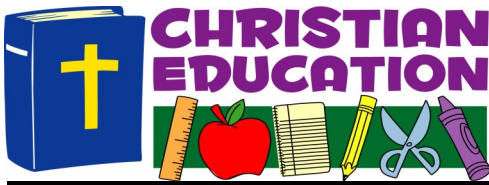
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**Mark Your Calendars
NOW!**

**National Youth Event
Perdue University
July 22-25, 2020**

Summer Plans for Youth Group!

There are plenty of things in the works. Keep an eye out for emails and events!
Got a fun adventure idea?
Let Pastor Kayli know!



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

MAY 19th is the last day for Children's Church and Sunday School for the 2018-2019 session. Thank you for joining us this year and learning more about how God wants us to live. We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will meet again in September. We would love to see you this summer on Sundays, at VBS or at our three Super Stupendous Sunday School Sundays.



Children's Church

May 5 Church Family Worship

CONFIRMATION

May 12 Acts 9:36-43

May 19 Revelation 21:1-6

LAST DAY

Bible Journaling



Join us on May 2nd and 16th, 9:30-11 in Room 5, to study the Bible in new and creative ways. These will be the last sessions before our summer break.

Super Stupendous Summer Sunday School

All children, preschool thru 5th grade, are invited to join us for summer vacation adventures during the 10:30 worship services on three Sundays this summer.

Our summer destinations:

June 9—Africa

July 21—Italy

August 18—Greece

The children will meet Mrs. Bonsell and her tour guides at the beginning of the service. Please wear play clothes.
(Worship bags will be available on non-travel Sundays.)



VBS 2019

June 24-28

Registration Forms are located in Memorial Hall.

Due by June 2nd.

VBS STAFF MEETING

All ROAR tour guides (teens and adults) are invited to a VBS meeting on **Sunday, May 5th**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. We will meet in the Youth Room and get ready for Another fun-filled week at Union UCC.



VBS DESIGN LAB

Help with this year's VBS! We will work on props and decorations on Saturday, MAY 11th, 10-2. We will provide lunch. Everyone who likes to paint or build (8th grade or older) are welcome! We will be working in Memorial Hall.



JOIN US ON JULY 17th, 6-8pm, in the grove for a very messy MESSY CHURCH.



WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

It is hard to believe that we are entering our final month of the Preschool year. The time has flown by fast. During April the teachers and students in 4's explored bugs and insects. We have been watching our batch of caterpillars eat, grow and form chrysalides, and are eagerly awaiting the transformation into butterflies. The 3-year-olds have been having fun with spring activities and talking about the weather, while the in Pre-K it is all about "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". There is still time to register for the 2019-2020 school year at the discounted rate, contact the Director for a tour or a registration form.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2019 scholarship winner. This \$250 scholarship is given every year to a high school senior who is planning on higher education and started their educational career at Neffs Preschool. The applicants are required to complete a 500-word essay in which they discuss themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Congratulations to Brooke Penrod, a senior at Parkland High School, who plans on pursuing a degree Speech-Language Pathology.



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 DiFiore 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

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 in the Fall. 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. 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.

To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at 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.
May 3, May 10, May 17 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.
May 5, 12, 19, 26 Bad Girls of the Bible

Save the Date

CONCERT

June 2 at 3pm

Union UCC

Interrupted Silence

A music ministry of Union UCC

William Marshall, Artistic Director

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, June 30th at 10:30am Worship



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!



Update on Pastor Thomas Thomas, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor Thomas (our Pastor Emeritus) has been diagnosed with brain cancer. After being in the hospital for several weeks, he has been moved to Phoebe Home. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is not able to take phone calls at this time. If you'd like to visit, please contact Pastor Kris as she and Pastor Allan Kramer-Moyer are setting up a schedule at the family's request. You may send cards to:

Rev. Thomas Thomas 2015 Jonagold Road, Allentown PA 18104

You can see updates by his wife, Rev. Kathy Brearley, at

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/tomthomas2015>

Update on Pastor Kris from Pastor Kris

My heart is still in AFib, but I'm doing well. My numbers are good and my heart continues to respond well to medications. Soon we will try one of the many procedures available to try to get back to a regular rhythm. I will let you know when that it is and how it goes. Thank you to everyone for your concern and support and for sharing your own journeys with heart health and the AFib journey.

Pastor Kris's Sabbatical from Pastor Kris and Church and Ministry

Our full-time pastors are blessed with 3 months of sabbatical time for every 5 years of service at Union. This is part of the call agreement between a pastor and a church. Sabbatical time is for spiritual renewal and growth. Most Sabbatical leaves include study, spiritual retreat and rest.

I've postponed this time for 2 years in order to do the work needed during the many transitions our church has been going through. Last summer I took one month and this summer I'll be taking a 2nd month **May 20th to June 17th, 2019**. During this time I hope to work on some reading and planning for the next year as well as take time for family and spiritual renewal.

I will not be available for church events or pastoral care during this time. Pastors Kayli and Patience will be available to lead and support you.

Thank you for this gift. I trust God will make sure it benefits and blesses our life and ministry together.



Congratulations to the following on their First Communion: **Lucy Deyton, Max Santilli, Jared Santilli, Isabella Micocci, Noah Roth, Paisley Dojack**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Confirmation Day /

Acolyte Recognition

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Message: Radically Transformed,

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Doug Albert, Chrissy Shivok

Greeters: Karen and Scott Misera; Jen Hanley and Family

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Mother's Day, Celebrating the Women of our Church, OGHS

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Acts 9:3 (6-43)

Message: Yes, be a Dork(us)!

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Rose Snyder, Vicki Mayk

Greeters: Todd and Amy McCoy; Malcolm and Margie MacKenzie

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Baptism, New Members Received, OGHS

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Revelation 21:1-6a

Message: Heaven on Earth

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Susan Rumble, Sueann Hregician

Greeters: Mark and Debbie Daluisio; Carolyn Seyler

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Memorial Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Rev. Patience D. Stevenson

Lay Readers: Sue Steinmann, Donna Christman

Greeters: Gene and Christina Thrash; Dan and Iris Young



SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE GROVE AT 10:30 WORSHIP

Bring your favorite chair or blanket.

Sunday, June 23

Sundays, July 14 and 21

Sunday, August 11

On July 14 & 21 there will not be 8:00 worship on these Sundays due to the sanctuary carpeting project. If weather doesn't cooperate, we will worship in Memorial Hall.

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-Samuels at 484-809-3815.

We are now up to 70 tickets! **5 remain.**

Spaghetti Dinner Results! That's Amore!

The men did a great job cooking, serving and hosting this event. Thanks to our basket sponsors and organizers, our bakers and youth group for your help. Thank you to everyone who supported it in a variety of ways and to everyone who came to eat. Our profit was \$1159.04. We designated: \$209.04 to Men's Group, \$200 to our Family Promise Fund for our expense, and \$750 to Family Promise of Lehigh Valley. We look forward to doing this again.



From Union UCC's Church Grove

Daffodil season has come and gone, but the beauty of our church grove continues with new flowers and trees blooming and growing. Stop by for a simple walk in the woods, a quick lunch on one of our picnic tables, or time with the youngsters in the playground.

Outdoor worship services will be held this summer, plus VBS, Blues Nite Out, the Backyard BBQ Bash and more, so join in with our church family and the community by attending one of our many church events.

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. Weekend dates often go fast, so call ahead to arrange for your special event.



Blues Nite Out

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
May 7th

Includes soup, lunch and a program:
Allentown Art Museum

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

Donation item: Cereal

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



Warren Kuntz May 25

Tales from the Road

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

Did You Know?

Ruth Rabert Ensley was born in the village of Neffs on December 11, 2019. Ruth grew up with one sister, Dorothy. Ruth attended Schnecksville Elementary School and Parkland High School (Now Parkland Middle School.) Ruth married Walter Ensley on August 29, 1959. Walter drove a Lanta bus for 29 years. Together Walter and Ruth managed the Lanta Credit Union out of their home where Ruth handled the payroll and loan departments.

Ruth and Walter raised two children, Rick and Suzanne. They were very happy to enlarge their family when their children married and each had three children. Ruth was busy as a parent with her children's activities and continues to be busy with the many activities of her six grandchildren (theater and soccer among them.)

Ruth and her sister, Dorothy, grew up with frequent trips to their Grammy Hoffman's farm in Laury's Station. Grammy was an avid quilter. Dorothy was eager to learn from her Grammy and eventually enticed Ruth into joining the Quilters at Union UCC. Ruth learned to quilt from our church quilters group and is a core member to this day. Ruth and Dorothy were baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. After Ruth was married she followed her husband, Walter, to the various churches where he played the organ. Throughout the years Ruth has been a very active member at Union UCC, helping at the Country Sale and Golden Times most recently.

After following her daughter, Suzanne's busy sports career in basketball, baseball and football, Ruth has become a very active sports fan. She also enjoys crocheting and reading. Come to our Golden Times luncheon on the first Tuesday of the month and let Ruth pour you a cup of coffee!



Creation Care Tip:

Creation Care Tip: It's that time of year again when our gardens have started to sprout again. Alongside our favorite perennials and perhaps a couple of hardy annuals we've managed to tuck into our gardens some unwanted visitors have popped up. You guessed it! Weeds! Many of you know that commercial weed killers are very harmful to wildlife. If you have weeds that are difficult to pull or in hard to reach places give the following recipe a try: 2 cups white vinegar, ½ teaspoon Dawn dish detergent and 2 tablespoons table salt. Squirt generously on your weeds on a sunny day and watch them wither. (You may need additional applications for stubborn weeds.)

Financial & Attendance Reports

| Date | Worship Service | | CC/ Video/ Nursery | Total |
|--------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| | 8AM | 10:30AM | | |
| Mar 3 | 108 | 162 | 25 | 295 |
| Mar 10 | 63 | 169 | 24 | 256 |
| Mar 17 | 72 | 249 | - | 321 |
| Mar 24 | 73 | 228 | 25 | 326 |
| Mar 31 | 82 | 190 | - | 272 |

| Fiscal Year | Operating Fund | Designated Funds | Grand Total All Funds |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 7-1-2018 | \$9,644 | \$1,453 | \$11,097 |
| Income | \$372,706 | \$38,884 | \$411,590 |
| Expenses | \$323,767 | \$44,044 | \$367,811 |
| 03-31-2019 | \$58,583 | -\$3,707 | \$54,876 |

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

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

March 2018: 1,337 March 2019: 1,470



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THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS FOR

May:

May 5th Welcoming Committee

May 12th Men's Group

Host groups needed for May 19th and 26th



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

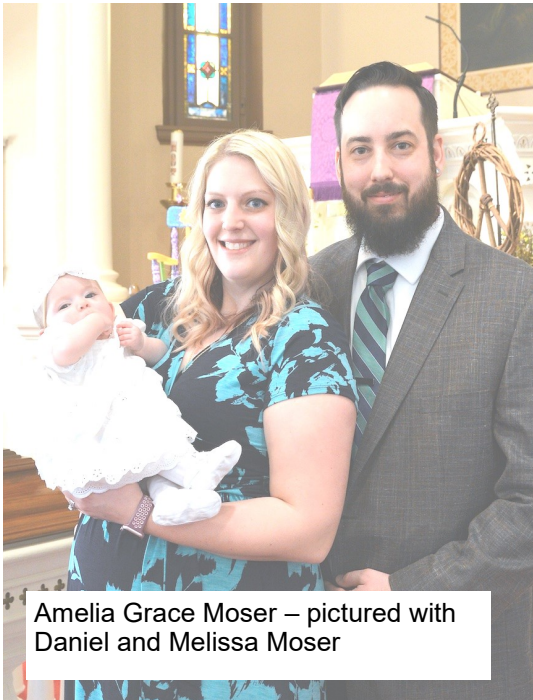
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3/24/2019 Baptism photos taken by Kevin Richter– Thank you!



Amelia Grace Moser – pictured with Daniel and Melissa Moser



Faith Pamela Fetherman and Kylie Breanne Huttie —Pictured with Robert and Melissa Fetherman



Lucas Edwin Marsteller—Pictured with Erika Marsteller and Tony and Kay Werhun

TOILET PAPER - TOILET PAPER - TOILET PAPER

The GREAT TOILET PAPER CHALLENGE is coming to UNION UCC for the month of May. Start stocking up now to support The Mission Committee's huge mission project to support various local agencies and the families they serve.

Bring your donations of toilet paper, large and small, to the church foyer and let's build a tower of toilet paper to reach the ceiling. In June, all donations will be provided to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, Lehigh Conference of Churches, and other local agencies.

Such a simple toiletry item that is part of our daily lives, may be a hardship for struggling families. Each roll will make a small difference in the lives of local families.





Our blessings and prayers go out to:

The family and friends of **Malinda Frantz** who passed on March 14, 2019. further Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Kay Bagenstose, Kissy and Charlie Sule, Carolynn George, Kelly and Dean Horning

The family and friends of **Beatrice Hregician**, who passed on March 5, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Dennis and Denise Rothrock

The family and friends of **Roseann Fox**, who passed on March 23, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Carol Mesics, Barbara Panner, Robert and Patricia Schaffer, Amy and Samuel Amory, Michael Scheck

Save the Date!
Women's Retreat
April 17-29, 2019



Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$135

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

Thanks to our Office Helpers

Tom & Linda Anderson, Madeline & Dick Bingell, Teresa Dalrymple, Larry Frantz, Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie Herzog, Judy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Jill Schlosser, Linda & Wilbur Romig, John Romig, Al Stubbman, Barbara Panner, Dan Topp, Dave DiPaolantonio, the entire Tech committee (Ed Normann, Ronnie and Jeff Herbine)
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 |
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|  | | | 1 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 2pm Country Sale prep 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Church and Ministry | 2 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed | 3 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study | 4 9am Country sale |
| 5 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir/ New Member class 10:30 Horizon service/ Confirmation/Acolyte/ Church Family Worship 11:30 Holy Grounds / VBS meeting | 6 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Fellowship 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm FOLG meeting | 7 11am Golden Times 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm Vitality days group | 8 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit | 9 10am Preschool Board meeting 7pm Chime Choir | 10 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study | 11 9am VBS Prep |
| 12 Mother's Day 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir/ 9:15 New Member Class 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds | 13 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm. | 14 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon | 15 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit | 16 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir | 17 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study | 18 |
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