



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

June 2019
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As we look forward to a future full of hope and growth, please plan to attend and participate in our Annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

We are indebted to and sincerely thank our Financial Leadership Team (FLT), Funds of Lasting Gifts Team (FOLG), Consistory, and Committees for your collaborative input in the needs of our Church to aid in creating the budget. It is important that we have an idea from each of the Committees the needs of the future year to be able to create a reasonable budget. We faithfully continue to do Christ's ministry and mission through Union UCC and could not do that without the financial support we offer as a Church. Thank you, Church!

At this Annual congregational meeting, we will be presenting the Budget for review and approval. Though the budget may not be as interesting to most as it is for some of us, it is an important part of the business side of Church. Please support us in this time by being in engaged attendance.

May God always be a blessing to your life!

Respectfully,
Aften Hamm
Consistory President

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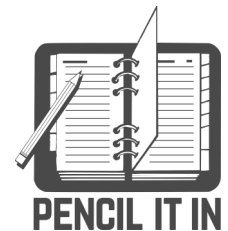
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BYOS Build Your Own Sundae-Sunday June 23, 2019

8:00am worship (sanctuary)
10:30am worship (outside in the Grove)
11:30am-1pm Picnic in our Grove
*Hotdogs (Veg and GF option),
snacks, beverages, AND
ICE CREAM WITH
ALL THE TOPPINGS*

Hosted by our Welcoming Committee



**Concert-Interrupted
Silence**

Sunday, June 2

**Church Picnic
Sunday, August 11**

**Blues Night Out
August 23 & 24**

UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2019 thru June 2020

Contributions, Current and Benevolent:

	Income Budget	
	2018/2019 fcst	2019/2020
General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate)	\$379,915	\$384,000
Improvement Fund	\$7,300	\$6,800
Communion	\$10,150	\$9,200
Mission and Outreach	\$6,890	\$7,500
Lent and Good Friday	\$2,100	\$2,100
Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas	\$18,670	\$18,800
Program Income	\$11,790	\$10,430
Preschool Contribution	\$900	\$900
Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest)	\$5,090	\$5,100
Fundraisers	\$10,390	\$10,000
Special Gifts	\$500	\$9,000
Funds of Lasting Gifts	<u>\$20,120</u>	<u>\$28,170</u>

Total Income Budget	\$473,815	\$492,000	<u>\$492,000</u>
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Anticipated Expenses for July 2019 thru June 2020

Facilities and Office Equipment

	2018/2019 fcst	2019/2020	
Church Building / Property	\$57,450	\$60,215	
Office Equipment	\$6,430	<u>\$5,568</u>	\$65,783

Employee Salaries

Pastor	\$86,970	\$89,133	
Associate Pastor	\$41,690	\$42,730	
Visitation Pastor	\$13,160	\$13,113	
Director of Christian Education	\$26,330	\$26,991	
Minister of Music	\$24,850	\$25,467	
Instrumental Assistant Choir Director	\$1,160	\$1,136	
Financial and Payroll Managers	\$22,320	\$19,717	
Church Office Administrator and Assistant	\$21,660	\$33,769	
Facility Caretakers	\$25,160	<u>\$27,680</u>	\$279,736

Employee Expenses

Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions)	\$25,520	\$30,925	
FICA	\$19,820	\$22,171	
Pension Dues	\$17,350	\$21,565	
Miscellaneous	\$7,130	<u>\$5,635</u>	\$80,296

Mission and Outreach

OCWM	\$7,400	\$7,400	
Phoebe	\$4,770	\$4,770	
Lancaster Seminary	\$1,075	\$1,075	
Bethany	\$240	\$240	
Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Northern Lehigh Food Bank	\$1,850	\$1,500	
Mission Discretionary	\$880	<u>\$600</u>	\$16,785

Leadership

Gifts / Materials / Golden Times	\$3,460	<u>\$3,550</u>	\$3,550
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Programs

Worship	\$6,330	\$6,890	
Education	\$13,970	\$15,200	
Fellowship and Evangelism	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$5,200</u>	
Flowers / Bulletins	<u>\$4,940</u>	<u>\$4,900</u>	\$32,190

Office Expenses

	<u>\$11,800</u>	<u>\$13,660</u>	<u>\$13,660</u>
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Total Operating Expenses	\$457,415	\$492,000	<u>\$492,000</u>
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Total Income less Expenses	\$16,400	\$0	
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Mission Committee:

The Urffer Fund of the Fund of Lasting Gifts was established to support children's missions and programming to benefit children and youth in the community, here and around the world. This year, the Mission Committee has determined the beneficiaries of the fund .

Union United Church of Christ will again sponsor two children from Zimbabwe through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program, each receiving \$360 (total of \$720).

Civic Theatre of Allentown will receive \$900 to foster creative development to the children and young adults in the Allentown community. Programs include: providing students a live theatre experience with subsidized matinee shows of A Christmas Carol, and their spring musical, providing children with theatre education, and Civic's arts-infused literacy and reading program to thousands of elementary students in the Allentown School District.

The Girl Scout Troop 6000 of New York City will receive \$867 to provide girls in the New York City Shelter System an opportunity to enjoy all that Girl Scouting has to offer. Their mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

From the Property Committee

Part two of Union UCC's 2019 sanctuary upgrade project will begin this July. Part one was the painting of all of the pews, doorways, and wood work on the main level of the sanctuary this past winter. Part two is the removal and replacement of the rug along with installation of a layer of ¼" plywood under the new rug and pad.

The project will begin on Thursday July 11 with the moving of the pews, split between Memorial Hall, the nursery and hallway. On Monday July 15 the old rug will begin to be removed, followed by installation of the new plywood and the new rug, which will take 5-6 days. Once completed the pews will be brought back and installed in their proper place in the sanctuary. Completion date is expected to be July 25.

Due to this project, worship services on Sunday July 14 & 21 will be held outdoors in the church grove at 10:30 only, there will be no 8:00 services. Please mark your calendars, reminders will follow. In case of rain, services will be held downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 10:30. Thank you for your patience during this major project, a long time in the making.

These two major projects to improve our sanctuary has been made possible through the generous donations from the William D. George Estate, the Lillian Casselbury Estate, the Russell Bear Estate, and the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund. Blessings to everyone for their thoughtfulness in including Union UCC in the wills.

Thank you to the Busy Bee Quilters and other members for their support of this project.

May 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 accept the fiscal budget for July 2019 - June 2020
- Approval of funds from FOLG to produce a balanced fiscal budget

Approval to approve special speakers over the course of one year

May 5th Confirmation Day photos taken by Kevin Richter– Thank you!



Save the Date!

October 11,12,13

Mobile meal packing event



In the Grove

July 17th

6-8pm

(rain-date July 18th)

Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

You helped the church raise over \$3,000 this year with your donations of clothing.

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets, be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove. The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags. NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.

This is one more way to give and support the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. Thank you.

Youth Group News

June 2019 Edition

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Group at the 2019 Country Sale! Whether you purchased from us, volunteered, or donated items! Because of your support our Youth Group are able to journey through their faith with fun activities and community!

Sunday June 2 YOUTH GROUP BOWLING

Join us as we go bowling and have a time of fun and fellowship. Friends and Family welcome

Hampton Lanes
326 Main Street Northampton
1:30pm-3:30pm



June 2, 2019



Graduate Recognition Sunday

Congratulations to all of our graduates!!

Many blessings on your continued journey and we are so proud of your accomplishments!!!



Be on the look out for fun summer activities! Do you have an idea? Let Pastor Kayli know!!!

Have a safe and healthy summer!!!!



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



Wanted: **Sunday School, Nursery and Children's Church** volunteers for the 2019-2020 session.

Please contact Kathy if you have any questions at dired@unionucc.org.
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

SUPER STUPENDOUS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschoolers thru 5th graders are invited to join us during the 10:30 worship service as we travel around the world.

JUNE 9—AFRICA

JULY 21—ITALY

AUGUST 18—GREECE

Worship Bags will be available in the foyer on non-travel Sundays.



Summer Nursery

The Little Lambs Nursery will be unstaffed for the summer. Parents/caregivers are welcome to use the room during the 10:30 service. The service is broadcast into the nursery room. We would appreciate it if you would clean up the toys before you leave. Marianne Ulrich, our nursery attendant volunteer, will be on vacation and resting up for next year! She will return on Sept. 15th and needs a partner every Sunday for the 2019-2020 session. Contact Kathy for details.



2019 COIN EXCHANGE

The children can return their coins and coin exchange order forms until July 31. Please include your phone number so you can be contacted when the order is filled. The coins can be exchanged for gift certificates, ranging from \$1 to \$10.



VBS 2019
June 24-28

We're off on another adventure! Registered children will receive a packet of information by June 19th. (Our **summer adventure** will

begin on Monday, June 24th at 9:00am. Our VBS STAFF will be ready with games, songs, snacks, skits, crafts, Bible stories and a whole lot of fun! We will have our **closing Program** on Friday evening, June 28th. You are all invited to join us at 7:00 in the grove for entertainment and refreshments.

MISSION NEWS

We are partnering with *World Vision* and *Operation Kid to Kid* this summer, collecting monetary donations for

BABIES AND MOMS IN ZAMBIA

World Vision works with expecting Moms and new parents, educating them about healthy nutrition and parenting skills.

They also provide vitamin A for newborns. This fairly inexpensive vitamin prevents blindness. These vitamins plus proper nutrition ensures a better future for Zambian children.

If you would like to donate towards this program, please put your donation (checks payable to Union UCC) in an envelope marked ZAMBIA by 6/23.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL...are officially on vacation. Sunday School resumes on Sept. 15 and Children's Church will resume on Sept. 22. A tremendous thanks to all the teachers, helpers, parents and children for another wonderful year. Your support, participation and cooperation all contributed to this year's success. What a great team!!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

As May comes to a close, so too does another school year in the preschool. I cannot thank everyone enough who helped make this a wonderful year full of learning and fun. Our parent volunteers provided hours of their time to help staff class parties, field days, and fundraisers. School Board members provided crucial assistance during evening activities as well as Lunch Bunch, and Stay and Play programs. And then there are the teachers, who routinely work well beyond the bounds of their contract hours to prepare engaging lesson plans and activities for the students. Because of them, we are sending off a new batch of eager, well-prepared -learners to continue on their educational journey into kindergarten. To the students, both those graduating and those returning next year, I am grateful for the laughter and play that you bring to my life every day.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer- keep exploring and learning!

Sincerely,
Annette Wilcox-Director

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**
or on our website— www.neffsuccpreschool.org

PIG OUT at Union UCC's
BACKYARD BBQ BASH

Saturday, September 14, 2019

TIMEWHY?S (5:30-8:30)

Winner of 2017 Reader's Choice Award for Best Local Band

Music sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home

**Lorah's Pig Roast and Chicken Dinners plus our own
delicious sides and desserts (starts at 3:30)**

Food tickets will be available for presale in August

SAVE THE DATE! FREE Admission!

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 in the Fall. We meet for 2 Sundays during the 9:15 hour in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on a Sunday after the sessions are over. 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 **July 21 and September 15**. 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

Adult Classes - Classes will resume in September. See you then!

Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris 9:30 am-11am Room 5 (Basement)

Sunday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris, Rev. Patience and Lay Leaders 9:15-10:15am Room 5 (Basement)

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.

Thanks to our 2018-2019 acolytes!

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

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 Kris from Pastor Kris

On May 29th I had my first cardioversion to get my heart out of AFib and into a regular rhythm. At the writing of this newsletter I didn't have more details to share. Thank you to everyone for your concern and support and for sharing your own stories 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.



SPRING AND SUMMER are a good time to reconnect with God and your church.

From Pastor Kris

Our pastors, staff and leaders want to thank everyone for all that they do: attend worship, support an event, join a group or committee, participate in an event, share in leadership, pray for our church, and the many ways that you support the mission and ministry of Union. Thank you, and thank you, God!

We realize that there are times when attending church, participating in events, or contributing financially to our church's mission and ministry is not always possible. Know that we are always praying for everyone and are always glad to support you in these times. We're here for you.

We also want to remind you that we take the commitment to membership here seriously. Your spiritual well-being is important to us. As our staff and leaders do all that they can to provide you with meaningful opportunities and pastoral care, we need you to do all that you can do to stay connected as well.

The minimal requirements to be a member here and to maintain membership here are to take communion and contribute financially each year. We hope that you will reach out to us to let us know when your life circumstances have changed, if there's a way that we can care for you, or if there is a reason you are no longer staying connected to our church family as a member. We will also do all that we can to reach out to you if we see this isn't happening and offer support and a chance to reconnect.

Please contact a pastor or the church office if you have questions about your church membership or your walk with God here at Union.

Our next worship services with Holy Communion are on June 2nd and August 4th at 8am and 10:30am. If you can't make these dates, we understand. Come any Sunday and let us know that this is still your church home.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Graduate Sunday/ Communion

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-18

Message: Life Lessons

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Whitney Kern ; Doug Kuntz

Greeters: Jim and Leanne Lane; Naomi and

George DeNardo

Sound: Ian Henninger

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Pentecost / Semi-Annual Meeting (10:30)

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Message: See....We Can Get Along!

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Lucille Kuhns; Elana Steidinger

Greeters: Doug and Angie Kuntz; SueAnn Hregician

Sound: Doug Albert

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Father's Day/ Jazz ensemble

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Message: Hope on it

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Michael Roth;

Carrington Smith

Greeters: Karen Wonderly;

Al Stubbmann; Vicki Mayk

Sound: Mike Baer

Sunday, June 23 2019

Outdoor Worship in the Grove

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Outdoor Worship in the Grove

BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAY

PICNIC 11:30-1pm

Scripture: Psalm 105: 1-6, Acts 17:22-31

Message: A Grateful Heart

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider; Tami

Wassum

Greeters: Eric Minnich; Ruth Ensley

Sound: Pat Sorg, Karl Klinger

Sunday, June 30 2019

8:00am Heritage Service

**10:30am Horizon Service Sunday Morning
Alive**

Scripture: Psalm 27: 1-4 Matthew 11:25-30

Message: Letting Go, Letting God

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

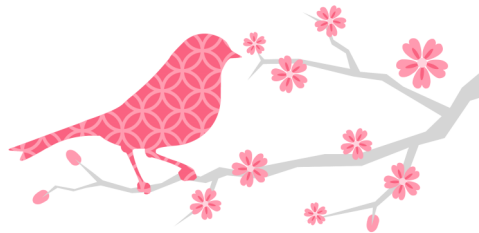
Lay Readers: Carol Pope; Janice Metzger

Greeters: Connie and Ralph Gioielli;

Dennis and Deb DeFrain

Sound: Drew Panner, Karl Klinger,

Mike Bear



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 Fellowship 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.

Yoga in the Grove

Yoga is a beautiful mind body practice to ease stress and find balance on and off the mat. Learn how to connect breath to movement and "move" better in your body. This all level class will be held outside in the grove of Neffs Church which is located on the North/Neffs side. There is ample parking behind the grove and in the church parking lot. Sessions are Thursday Evenings from 6-7pm. **JUNE 13,20,27 & JULY 11,18 & AUGUST 1,8,15.** Please bring a yoga mat, beach towel, water and dress for the weather. Classes are drop in: \$8-10 cash with a portion of proceeds given back to the church. For more information or questions contact Sharon Schnyder at posgrace@ptd.net or visit her blog for class details at: 1asanamama.blogspot.com

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. Thank you to John Snyder-Samuelson for organizing 70 tickets and people!

Union UCC has a softball team!

We will be playing in the Whitehall-Coplay Church softball League on Sunday nights at 6pm on the Independence Park or Kolapecha Park.



Come cheer for us on Sunday nights!

Games start at 6pm; Kolapecha Park =K, Field 1 or 2; Independence Park =I
June 2 I, June 9 K1, June 16 K2, June 23 K1, June 30 I, July 7 I, July 14 K2, July 21 K2, July 28 K1, Aug 4 I, Aug 11 K2.



Save the Date!
Women's Retreat
April 17-29, 2020

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

From Union UCC's Church Grove

Get ready for four outdoor worship services this summer, plus VBS, Blues Nite Out, the Backyard BBQ Bash and more. 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 - 2019 - 16 years of music in the grove.

Summer is here, start planning for picnics, reunions, concerts, amusement parks, beach fun, and more. Then start thinking about Blues Nite Out this August. Mark your calendars now - Friday August 23 for a fun night with the return of Jake Kaligis and his band, and Saturday August 24 starting with Bev Conklin, who will be making a return performance in the grove, with BC's Combo Band, then headliner and local favorite, The Sarah Ayers Band. Always two great nights of music for all to enjoy.

Neffs Church Grove's new food stand will be welcoming everyone this year. The food stand opens on Friday at 5:00 and Saturday at 4:00. Stop in for turkey BBQ, pulled pork and sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, chili, home made deserts, and lots of ice cream. Tell you neighbors, tell your friends, let's fill up the grove for Blues Nite Out 2019, our sixteenth year!!!! See you then for food, fun and fellowship in our church grove.

Golden Times

For those wise in years and young at heart

Our next gathering will be

June 4th

Includes soup, lunch and a program:

Bingo and Potluck

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

Donation item: Condiments, pickles, relish, olives, ketchup, mustard

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

*Celebrating
-WITH-
you*

Birthdays

George M. Kern 6/10

Tales from the Road

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

Did You Know?

Dorothy Reph was born on September 4, 1929. Dorothy was the oldest of five children. She was baptized at Ebenezer UCC in New Tripoli. When she was 3 Dorothy contracted spinal meningitis. Her doctor sat by her side throughout the illness and taught her to walk again.

At age 7 Dorothy's family moved to Germansville and eventually to Emerald. Dorothy graduated from High School in Slatington. Dorothy met her husband, Clifford, at a roller skating rink in 1946. Her father was against the marriage. They eloped and were married in Maryland 3 days after Dorothy turned 18. Clifford and Dorothy lived in Bethlehem for 6 months, then with Clifford's parents in Berlinsville for 2 years. They bought a home in Walnutport, where they lived until 1969 when they built their own home on Clifford's parents' property in Berlinsville.

Clifford and Dorothy raised 2 daughters, Sharon and Susan. They have one grandson and one great grandson. Dorothy is very grateful for the care of her daughters that enable her to live in her beautiful home in Berlinsville.

Dorothy has been a faithful church attender since 1944. Dorothy recalls walking from Emerald to Slatington as a teen to catch the bus to church and back. Dorothy was confirmed by Rev. Urffer (with Curtis Frantz and Mervin Peters) and still attends 8 a.m. worship when her health permits.

One memory from her youth was that her father taught his children to assist in the care of the local reservoir in Germansville. Every evening Dorothy, her father and siblings would test the water and close the reservoir gate.

Dorothy worked for Paris Neckwear for 35 years as a supervisor. She remembers returning to work 2 weeks after her first child was born. What dedication! Dorothy remembers picking potatoes after work to help a family friend.

Please look for Dorothy with one or both of her daughters at 8 a.m. worship or send her a card at:

4540 W. Mountain View Road, Walnutport, PA 18088



Creation Care Tip: Keep your lunch bag "green". Use a cloth napkin instead of paper. Bring cloth napkins and regular stainless steel utensils with your meals away from home. Keep cloth napkins and stainless steel utensils in your lunch bag. Remember to REFUSE paper napkins, plastic utensils and straws if you do buy carry out food. (If you like to use a straw you can buy metal straws with specially designed cleaning brushes at Bed, Bath and Beyond or Amazon.)

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service			CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
	Special	8AM	10:30AM		
April 7	-	73	103	72	248
April 14	-	124	234	75	433
April 18	56	-	-	-	56
April 19	125	-	-	-	125
April 21	82	187	468	-	737
April 28	-	62	132	73	267

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

April 2018: 1,889 April 2019: 1,866

Church Member Business Directory

We know that many of you like to support local businesses or our members if you have the chance. Here is our recent list:

<http://www.unionucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/BusinessDirectory2018-1.pdf>

We will share this list on our Facebook page and with new members. Let us know if you or your business would like to be added.

This is another way to support each other through our work and life together.

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

Fiscal Year

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



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Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Every Sunday

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

Stop by for a snack or drink on Sundays after 8am and 10:30 Worship services and in between the services in Memorial Hall (on the same level as the sanctuary).

During the summer months we don't have hosting groups. Anyone is welcome to bring food to share!

SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY AND MISSION AT UNION UCC WITH YOUR DONATIONS.

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 directions to register.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: You can designate an automatic weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office.

AMAZON SMILE : Donate to Union UCC while you shop at Amazon by signing up at <https://smile.amazon.com> Set Union United Church of Christ as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the church. Search charities by zip code 18065.

OFFERING ENVELOPES in person or by mail Packets are given to members in December for the new year. Place your envelope in the offering plate on Sundays, use the envelopes in the rack in your seat at church for the offering plate or mail your offering by postal mail.

May 19, 2019 Baptism photos taken by Kevin Richter- Thank you!



Weston Peter Fatula- pictured with Abigail and Justin Fatula



Quinn Morgan Long- pictured with Katelyn and Derek Long



Gage Thomas Whalen- pictured with Rebecca and Matthew Whalen



Kambry Lynn Sell- pictured with Lauren and Tyler Sell



Our blessings and prayers are with:

The family and friends **Lillian M. Baer** who passed away on May 9, 2019

Dear Church Friends,

We want to let you know about the passing of our Pastor Emeritus, **The Rev. Thomas N. Thomas**. He passed on Friday, May 17, 2019 at home. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 24, 2109. Donations may be made in Pastor Tom's memory to The Phoebe Home.

We will be planning other opportunities to support each other through this loss and to honor him. Watch Sunday's bulletin and the monthly newsletter for information.

You're all in our prayers. Pastors Kris, Kayli and Patience

God's Garden Gifts

Our vegetable exchange and food bank offering will start on July 1st. Home gardeners are invited to bring in their gifts from their gardens and worshippers are invited to take the vegetables they need and in exchange can make a cash donation to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. The Mission Committee will organize the collection and delivery of cash donations and remaining produce to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.



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
30 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ 10:30 Horizon service/ 11:30 Holy Grounds						1 6:00pm Interrupted Silence rehearse
2 Graduate Sunday/ Communion 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ 10:30 Horizon service/ 11:30 Holy Grounds 3:00pm Interrupted Silence Concert	3 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm FOLG meeting	4 11am Golden Times 5pm Gerry Recital 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	5 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Church and Ministry Meeting	6	7 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	8
9 Pentecost/ Semi- Annual Meeting 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds	10 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm.	11 3pm Parkland Art League 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	12 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit	13 9:30am Bible Journaling 6pm Outdoor Yoga 6pm Gerry Recital	14 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	15
16 Father's Day 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon/ Baptism 11:30 Holy Grounds	17 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	18 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	19 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit	20 7pm Outdoor Yoga	21 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	22
23 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Outdoor Worship in the Grove 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:30 Build Your Own Sundae	24 VBS 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	25 VBS 9am Newsletter crew 6pm Choir 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	26 VBS 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit	27 VBS 6pm Outdoor Yoga	28 VBS 8:30am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	29