



Gifts for Family Promise Families

Whether you are ready to get into the Christmas spirit, or you never let it go, join the Mission Committee in celebrating the families of Family Promise who have graduated and those who will graduate in the future!

Three families, each with two children, have completed the program and have secured jobs and permanent housing for themselves. It's a wonderful step, but still very challenging since most of the families have very few if any household possessions to set up a fully functioning home.

In order to help them get started, we are excited to offer these graduating families gift cards to local stores where they can purchase these much-needed household, personal, and grocery items.

Look for the Christmas tree in Memorial Hall throughout the month of July.

Take a tag, or a few, and write your name on the clipboard. **Purchase gift cards and return them to the office by August 11.** The Union UCC Family Promise Steering Committee (through the Case Manager at Family Promise) will offer graduating families a choice of cards that will suit their needs.

Church Family Picnic—Aug. 11

**After the 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Service
Fun ... Fellowship ... Food !!!**



Bring a side dish or salad or dessert to share

The Fellowship Committee will provide a lunch of hot dogs, barbecue and chips & beverages.

Bingo ♦ Cake Walk ♦ Annual Softball Game (Bring you baseball bats, gloves and balls) ♦ **Games for all ages ♦ Raffle Drawing**

~The picnic will be moved to Fellowship Hall if the weather does not permit us to be outside.~

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Donations of cakes, cantaloupes, watermelons, and anything you feel is appropriate for a cake walk will be gratefully received. (Please tell the person or label the item for the cake walk.) Prizes for bingo are also needed. If you'd like to help with setting up, bingo calling, the cakewalk or anything else, call Maria Beltz 610-554-8327 or Veronica Fabian 610-573-0112.

SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE GROVE AT 10:30AM WORSHIP

Bring your favorite chair or blanket.

**Sundays
July 14 and 21
August 11**

*There will not be 8:00 worship on July 14 and 21 due to the sanctuary carpeting project. If weather doesn't cooperate, we will worship in Fellowship Hall (Basement)



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FROM THE STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Union United Church of Christ of Neffs is Blessed . . .

- . . . To have three wonderful pastors to share in the life of the members of the congregation, to share in their joys and the sorrows, to laugh and to cry, to help them grow in their faith.
- . . . To have a wonderful office and cleaning staff to perform all of the daily, weekly, monthly duties to keep the church functioning.
- . . . To have a dedicated Christian Education leader and department who inspires children, young adults and adults to grow with God and the Bible.
- . . . To have a talented Music Director who leads us through worship with song and music, and inspires members to share and grow with their musical talents.
- . . . To have a dedicated consistory to lead and oversee the business aspects of the church.
- . . . To have many dedicated members participate in the many and varied committees that are so important to our church life.
- . . . To have many enthusiastic members who volunteer to teach, help at VBS, help at the Yard Sale, Blues Nite Out, Basket Social, BBQ Bash, help with youth activities, help at clean up days, help wherever needed, and when ever needed.
- . . . To have compassionate members who volunteer at the Food Bank, with Family Promise, with Feed My Starving Children, cook meals at the shelter, who support the Angel Tree, Blanket Sunday, the Crop Walk, Neighbors in Need, and so much more.

YES, Union UCC is Blessed . . . Because of YOU

So, what can YOU do to bless Union UCC even more?

- . . . Join your church family for a Sunday Service, YOU are welcome here.
- . . . Attend one of the many church events, tell your family and friends to join you here at church, or help out during one of these events.
- . . . Bake a cake, join the quilting group, volunteer for Family Promise or any mission activity, help at VBS or Children's Church, join the Bible Study group, join the choir or share your musical talents, and so much more.

There are so many opportunities to share your faith at Union UCC, it all starts with YOU.

MISSION COMMITTEE THANK YOU:



The Civic Theatre of Allentown thanks Union UCC for the donation of \$500 to our spring appeal, which supports innovative programs we offer to foster creative development in young children and young adults in Allentown and the surrounding area.

With heartfelt thanks to all for supporting Civic Theatre.

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.

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Just a reminder - Part two of Union UCC's 2019 sanctuary upgrade project will begin this July. This includes 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.

The new landscaping in the front of the church sanctuary and Memorial Hall has been completed and is looking great. A wonderful new addition to our beautiful property. Thank you to Emery Landscaping of Schnecksville for their design and installation of all the plants, shrubbery and mulch. Enjoy.

JUNE 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 of funds from FOLG to purchase a new swing set with metal poles
- Approval to seek \$5,000 GEM (Grants Energizing Mission) from Penn Northeast Conference for Feed My Starving Children event



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.

**SUMMER IS A
GREAT 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 service with Holy Communion is August 4th at 8am and 10:30am. If you can't make this date, we understand. Come any Sunday and let us know that this is still your church home.



This October we will be hosting another FMSC MobilePack Event. Last year was a huge success as our efforts led to 298 children receiving a meal every day for a full year! This year our goal is just as ambitious as we hope to pack over 100,000 meals once again.

Please consider taking part in one of the packing sessions 10/11-10/13, registration will begin in September. On average each volunteer will pack \$40 worth of meals. Anyone that can raise \$40 over the next four months will greatly help us reach our fund raising goal of just over \$22,000. We are currently working on gaining corporate sponsors as well. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Eliot Lightner 610-844-8327, Eliot5779@gmail.com

Basket Social Wed. Oct. 2



Doors open at 5:30 pm, drawing at 7 p.m.
\$5 for a sheet of 25 tickets OR 5 sheets for \$20.

If you donate a basket (or gift certificate) by Sept. 1st, you get an extra sheet of tickets FREE.

Baskets or gift certificates must be at least a \$10 value or more. New items only.

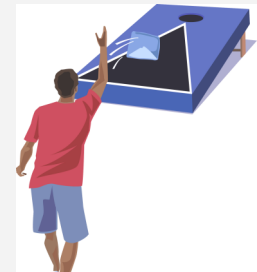
Anyone interest in helping, please contact Veronica Fabian 610-573-0112.

Men's Group

We'd like to kick things off by rekindling an old favorite - **the Bean Bag Tournament in the Grove. Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm.**

This is for guys (and their kids). Teams of 2 will compete in a friendly round of bean bags. Hot dogs, beverages & ice cream provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

If you can help with set up or clean up contact Phil Wehr PJWehr@aol.com. Sign up with Pastor Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org



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.



Youth Group Updates

July/August 2019 Edition

Sunday July 14, 2019

1pm-3pm

Hang-out Afternoon in the
Grove

Lunch Provided

Join us for a time of fun, food,
and fellowship

Union UCC Youth Group takes on...

KNOEBELS!!!

Saturday August 2, 2019

We will meet at the church and drive together; we'll
take a picnic lunch; we'll have a great day!

Park opens at 11am!

Let Pastor Kayli know by **JULY 14** if you can come
(so she can pre-purchase ticket books)

Family's are always invited (we'll need drivers)

MESSY HANG-OUT NIGHT!!

August 13, 6pm-8:30pm

Join the youth group in a non-typical hang-out night!
Games/activities will get messy...so please wear clothing
that can get dirty!

Friends always invited!!!

Snacks/beverages will be served (no formal dinner)

Save the Date for Upcoming Activities:

PNEC Sleep-Out for Homelessness: Saturday September 28-Sunday September 29 Hosted at New
Creation UCC, Easton Pa

Niagara Youth Festival: October 25 (Friday)-October 27 (Sunday). Join Youth from the United Church of
Canada for a weekend of worship, workshops, fellowship, and fun. Youth are housed in host churches
(sleeping bags will be needed). If 5 youth (minimum) are interested we will go! Special Notes: 1) Must
have a valid passport. 2) Parents must be willing to let you miss school Friday (it's a 5+ hour drive). 3)
Grades 9-12 (sorry it's high school only). If you're interested see Pastor Kayli for more information

National Youth Event 2020: July 22-25, 2020. Mark the dates now! More information to come!!



Contact: Kathy Bonsell
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 Email: dired@unionucc.org

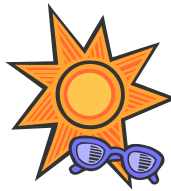


WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th
6:00pm—8:00pm
IN THE GROVE

JOIN US for:

- **DINNER**—We will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. *Please bring a side to share.* Dessert-ice cream sundaes.
- **CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES**—We can be truly MESSY, since we will be outside in the grove. Lots of fun and colorful crafts!
- **WORSHIP**—Is there a better place for devotions than in our beautiful grove, enjoying God’s handiwork?

Raindate: July 18th



CHILDREN’S CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL... are officially on vacation. Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Mark your calendar - Sunday School will resume on Sept. 15 and Children’s Church on Sept. 22.

Wanted: Children’s Church and Sunday School volunteers for the 2019-2020 session. Sign up with your family or your friends. Share your faith with our children. Please contact Kathy if you have any questions (610-509-3324 or dired@unionucc.org).

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.



JOIN the CE COMMITTEE!

Here are some of the things we are working on for the fall.

- HOAGIE SALE (Sept. 28)
- TRUNK OR TREAT (Oct. 19)
- MESSYCHURCH WORKSHOPS
- BIRTHDAY CARDS for our littlest members and children at Bethany Home.
- ADVENT Celebration



It’s not too early to start planing your theme for this year’s trunk or treat on Oct. 19th. Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to 200 children from our church and community. We hope to have more cars than ever this year! Hope you will join us!

SUPER STUPENDOUS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

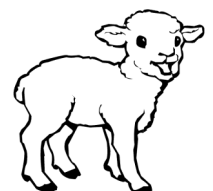
Preschoolers thru 5th graders are invited to join us during the 10:30 worship service as we travel around the world.



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 need a partner every Sunday for the 2019-2020 session.





WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

The preschool hallways and classrooms may be quiet during the summer month, but that does not mean learning has to come to an end. Summer is the perfect time to give children some “structured freedom”- keeping the children in safe and supervised settings, but allowing them to explore new areas and new types of play. Children learn best through hands-on interactions with their environment, including their own home. If you are looking for simple ideas or boredom busters, internet sites such as Pinterest can come to the rescue. Many of the ideas that can be found online are inexpensive and easy to implement at home, just keep these tips in mind:

1. Always supervise children when using art supplies
2. Consider the age-appropriateness of any activity: if it involves small parts that could become a choking hazard, or requires chemicals for a science experiment, do not attempt if your child still puts everything in his/her mouth.
3. Worried about a mess, put down a plastic table cloth from the dollar store as a drop cloth.
4. Children love to create; gather recycled items such as magazines, toilet paper tubes, material, stickers, etc... and set up a Creation Station.
5. Simply rearranging your furniture for an afternoon gets children looking at a room differently, and what once was used as a castle now becomes a boat for pretend adventures.

We have begun preparations for Preschool in the Park on August 15th at 9:30 in the Grove for our registered students and anyone interested in coming to have fun and learn more about our wonderful program. For more information contact the preschool at preschool@unionucc.org or 610-767-5327.

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

OVER THE EDGE WITH RON SNYDER

On Saturday, June 1.....

“Thank you for supporting me with my quest to raise money for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. With all your help, I raised \$1,535. I was awarded a badge for the most individual donations. I did rappel on June 1, 2019. It was very exciting and so rewarding knowing that the money will go to help the homeless and hungry in the Lehigh Valley. Again, thanks for all your help.” ~ Ron Snyder



HOME VISITATION BIRTHDAYS

July

7/4

Eleanor Kistler
 2033 Becker Street
 Allentown, PA 18106

7/18

Norman Hunsicker
 Fellowship Villa, Room 320
 3020 Fellowship Drive
 Whitehall, PA 18052

8/20

Harry Burger
 3859 Woodland Dr
 P.O. Box 114
 Neffs, PA 18065

August

8/26

Catherine Haberern
 Heather Glenn
 Assisted Living, Room
 106
 415 Blue Barn Road
 Allentown, PA 18104

8/29

Gladys Kuhns
 6307 Niset Court
 Slatington, PA 18080

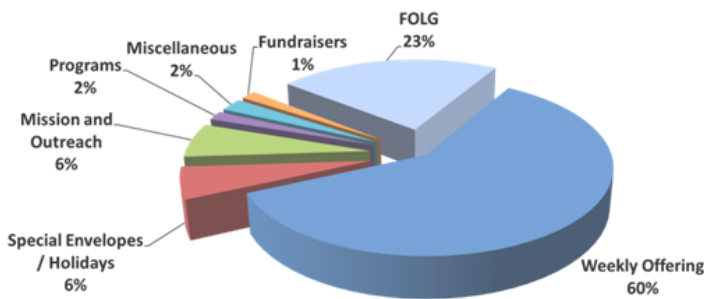
The fiscal year 2019-2020 budget, in an amount of \$492,000, was approved by the congregation at the June 9 Semi-annual Congregational Meeting. This approval completes the annual budget process that starts in March with meetings among the Financial Leadership Team. This is followed by a presentation of the draft budget to the Consistory in April and final approval by the Consistory in May.

The new budget also includes earnings from a portion of the Funds of Lasting Gifts to support ministerial salaries, the Golden Times program, evangelism activities, special financial mailings, Christian education curriculums and special worship guests. These planned expenditures will require approval by the FOLG trustees to ensure fund guidelines are being met. Regarding general operating expenses, the budget includes funding for a full staff including one additional office staff. This additional staff is being funded from savings during our period of interim ministry from past years. Additionally, the budget includes a 2% salary increase for staff while other “controllable” expense categories were held at or below the past year spending levels.

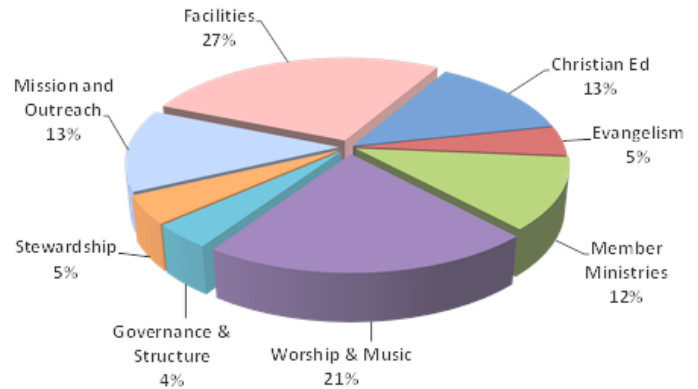
The 2019-2020 narrative budget below pictorially shows the contributions, special offerings, and gifts that the church receives and where our stewardship giving goes. We couldn’t do the ministry and mission to which God is calling us to do without your continued support.

Financial Leadership Team

Contributions, Special Offerings and Gifts



Where our Stewardship Giving Goes



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 **September 15 and 22**. We meet 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 **Sunday, September 29th**. 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 7 and 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

Update on Pastor Kris from Pastor Kris



On May 30th I had my first cardioversion to get my heart out of AFib into a regular rhythm. And, it worked! That’s the good news. The bad news is I am in AFib again and in a few weeks or months will need to try another procedure. I’ve been feeling stronger and working to build up my stamina again. My sabbatical helped with that, thank you. Thank you to everyone for your concern and support and for sharing your own stories with heart health and the AFib journey. Keep the prayers coming!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



MORAVIAN ACADEMY

Dokotah Kuhns

Wake Forest University—
Neuroscience
or Business Administration with a
minor in
Theatre and Entrepreneurship

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan S. Correll

Plumber at Allentown School
District

James Cipolla

Ohio State University for Bio/
PreMed, and playing lacrosse

Zachary Fitzgerald

Florida Southern College for
Nursing and will play Lacrosse.

Sam Gerry

West Chester University for Music
Education

Shelby Hafler

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
for Nursing

Adam Klinger

Syracuse University for Civil
Engineering

Chloe Krempasky

Kutztown University for Social
Media Theory and Application

Vanessa Krempasky

Kutztown University for
Elementary Ed

Julie Lane

Millersville University for Music
Industry

Brooke Penrod

Misericordia University for
Speech-Language pathology

Greg Santa-Anna

University of Tampa for
Entrepreneurship and minor in Film

Andrew Ian Stewart

Penn State Lehigh Valley for
Information Science and
Technology

SALEM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jonah Zeilinger

Purdue University for Engineering

WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL

Ethan Baer

LCCC for Computer Generated
Animation and Digital Arts A.A.S
(CGA)

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Todd Bachl

Penn State University/ Executive
MBA

Laura Beltz

Shippensburg University / BSBA
Finance

Future Plans: Working in finance
dept at a local bank

Alison Dyszel

Desales University / Physician
Assistant / Masters program
Future Plans: To be a PA in a
pediatric surgical sub-specialty

Nathan Farber

Susquehanna University / BA
Computer Sciences — finding a job
in the computer field

Susan Glosan

Muhlenberg College / B.A. Religion
Studies
Future Plans: Moravian Theological
Seminary—M.A. Chaplaincy

Tammy Lorah-Haydt

Cedar Crest College / MBA
Future Plans: To rest, relax

Jennie Herbine

University of Pittsburgh/BS Applied
Developmental Psychology
Future Plans: working as Service
Coordinator for Alliance for Infants
and Toddlers in Pittsburgh

Rhett Jacoby

Moravian College / Business
Management
Future Plans: Start his own
Business

Kaitlyn Klingensmith

Ross School of Business & School
of Environment Sustainability—
University of Michigan
Future Plans: Internal consultant at
Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA

Jason Klinger

Cedar Crest College / MA in
Education

Blaire Liska

Penn State University
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Future Plans: current medical scribe
in the ER @ LVHN while studying/
applying for PA School

Jordan Lorah

West Chester University / BA
Criminal Justice
Future Plans: To work at Delaware
County Criminal Investigation
Division.

Nathanial Rex

Lehigh University Bachelor's in
Computer Science w/honors
Received Donald Hillman Award for
outstanding Artificial Intelligence
Studies

Jacob Steidinger

Penn State University / Agricultural
Engineering / Bachelor of Science
Future Plans: secure a job as an
Agricultural Engineer

Jonathan Wenner

Penn State University
Future Plans: Working for RSM
International in Manhattan—
Technology Risk & Security
Consultant

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Theme for the Summer *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. — Philippians 4:6*

We will go on a “journey” of prayer through the summer, based on both personal devotion through the week and corporate celebration of our journey together in worship.

We will learn about prayer beads. The tradition of using a string of beads or rope knot is an ancient tradition as well as being a ritual action shared by many faith traditions around the globe. The common connection is the ability to give structure to personal prayer devotion. It offers a way to remind and revisit various areas of focus and concern. Repeated rituals can be powerful as they help shape our habits.

This summer, we are invited to pray “All My Days” (our theme song) and to make a habit of prayer wherever you are. Each Sunday in worship we will focus on one of the steps of the prayer beads but you are encouraged to pray any and all of these prayer areas all summer long. We will also share the week’s prayers and scripture on Facebook so that we can stay connected to each other even when we’re apart.

Prayer bead chains will be available on Sundays (or by contacting Pastor Kris during the week) after worship. Some will be premade or you can decide to make your own. We are asking for a \$5 donation to go toward a mission project in honor and memory of Rev. Thomas. More info to come. c.WorshipDesignStudio

Sunday, July 7, 2019

American Heritage Sunday

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service / Baptism

Prayer Theme: Silence...Be still, and know that I am God...-Psalm 46

Scripture: 46, Luke 6:12-19

Message: Shhh...

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider; Don Penrod

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

Sound: Doug Albert



Sunday, July 28, 2019

Christmas in July and

Christmas Carols

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Prayer Theme: Concern- “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom...”-Luke 12:22-34

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

Message: Do Not Be Afraid

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Carol Pope; Susan Smith

Greeters: Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones

Sound: Karl Klinger

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Blessing of the Animals

10:30am Outdoor Worship

Prayer Theme: Journey-

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns”...Isaiah 52:7-10

Message: Blessing of the Animals— bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to represent your pet. The pastors will bless you and your animal during worship. This is a time to give thanks for all of God’s creation and critters.

Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson

Lay Readers: Dana Gaumer

Greeters: Marcey Kroll, Karl and Cathy Schmidt

Sound: Patrick Sorg, Drew Panner



Sunday, August 4, 2019

Communion

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Prayer Theme: Love-”...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who hurt you...and you will be children of the Most High...”- Luke 6: 27-36

Message: Hannah Snyder-Samuelsan, Seminarian

Lay Readers: Sandra Craig; Chrissy Shivok

Greeters: Karen and Scott Misera, Jen Haley and Family

Sound: Ian Henninger

Sunday, July 21, 2019

10:30am Outdoor Worship

Prayer Theme: Night and Day-”...even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you...” - Psalm 139:1-14

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Message: You’re Contagious!

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Dan Topp

Greeters: Jim and Edie Fella, John and Debbie Romig

Sound: Mike Baer, Ian Henninger

Sunday, August 11 2019

10:30 Outdoor Worship, Followed by Church Picnic

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Outdoor Worship

Prayer Theme: Intercession- “Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart...” -Luke 18:1-8

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-6, James 5:13-18

Message: I’ll Pray for You, if You Pray for Me

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Doug Albert; Sueann Hregician

Greeters: Todd and Amy McCoy, Malcolm and Margie MacKenzie

Sound: Mike Baer, Karl Klinger

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Healing Service, Time to Pray with A Pastor

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Prayer Theme: World- "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

Scripture: John 17: 17-26

Message: That They May All Be One

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Rose Snyder; Vicki Mayk

Greeters: Mark and Debbie Daluisio, Carolyn Seyler

Sound: Pat Sorg

Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Prayer Theme: Holy Spirit-"...As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world..I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their world, that they may all be one..." - John 17: 17-26

Message: Susan Glosan, Seminarian

Lay Readers: Susan Rumble; Leah Seyler

Greeters: Gene and Christina Thrash, Dan and Iris Young

Sound: Drew Panner

SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE GROVE AT 10:30 WORSHIP

Bring your favorite chair or blanket.

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.

FUTURE DATES:

September 15 9:15 Education Hour Resumes for All Ages

September 22 Children's Church Resumes at 10:30 Worship, Harvest Home

September 29 Guest Musician Steven Courtney

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.

Watch For us in the Fall!



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. **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: lasanamama.blogspot.com

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.



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

MEN'S GROUP Events

Watch Sunday's bulletin, the newsletter, and Facebook for other Men's Group events like: Hiking, a Phantoms Game, Spaghetti Dinner, the Iron Pigs, and a day trip to tour Martin Guitar as well as service projects and work days.

Tales from the Road

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

Did You Know?

Carolyn Barry was born in Richmond Hill, Queens, NY. Carolyn and her two sisters grew up in Richmond Hill. Carolyn graduated from John Adams High School and began work at the New York Telephone Company and then the New York Parks and Recreation Department. Carolyn married Joseph Barry in 1973. Together they had 4 children. She now has 2 granddaughters. Her children and grandchildren all live in New York City. Carolyn was very active in her church in NY, United Methodist Church of Richmond Hill. Carolyn used to love skating, bowling and dancing. Unfortunately due to polio and an accident in her childhood Carolyn is no longer able to pursue these activities but loves coming to church, reading and listening to hymns and Scriptures on WBPH 60.

In 2006 Carolyn moved to the Lehigh Valley to help her sister care for her mother. What a difference from New York City! Real country life! Carolyn used to attend a neighboring church with her sister and brother-in-law. One day as they passed Union UCC on the way to her sister's church, Carolyn asked her brother in law to drop her off so she could attend Union UCC. The minute she stepped into Union UCC she received a nice welcome from Barbara and Rich Carinci. She loved the sanctuary and felt right at home, as it reminded her of her church in Richmond Hill. Ever since that day Carolyn has loved coming to church and to Golden Times. Carolyn supports the church by coming as often as possible and financially helping as much as she can.

Carolyn is grateful to God for many things. She had the disease of alcoholism, but has been sober for 34 years. She stopped smoking 18 years ago and is grateful for clear breathing. As the saying goes, "With God all things are possible!" Carolyn is grateful for her new church home at Union UCC, the church she feels God found for her.

We've missed seeing Carolyn at church while she's been out sick. We look forward to seeing Carolyn Barry back at the 10:30 worship service soon.



CREATION CARE TIP:

Try using reusable mesh produce bags when grocery shopping for fruits and vegetables at the grocery store. Reusable silicone food bags provide another alternative for plastic baggies. Both of these items are available in a variety of sizes and in many online and local stores.

Interested in joining our Green Team at Union UCC? We'll have a brief meeting following worship on July 14th. Please contact Pastor Patience at 610-248-5587 or vispastor@unionucc.org if you're interested in joining us.

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)

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF UNION UCC AND BE A SUNDAY SPONSOR

Have you ever wondered what this is? Like bulletins and flowers, every week there is an opportunity for you to sponsor spreading the good news of Union UCC. Your \$20 donation can be made in honor of or in memory of someone. Your gift helps support any publicity we use to tell others about our church events. It covers things like our listing in the Parkland Press as well as mailings to our members and community. This fund also helps to cover the cost for our various yard signs and Facebook ads. Thank you to all of our sponsors who have helped us spread the good news. If you are interested in sponsoring this important outreach ministry, please contact the church office to pick a date.

Tricia Scripture at officeassistant@unionucc.org



Congratulations and blessings to George Borman and Valerie Rex who were married under our care on May 18, 2019.



We pray for the family and friends of those who passed this month:

Joan Fenstermaker, who passed on May 26, 2019.

Linda Wentz, who passed on June 7, 2019.

The Rev. Thomas N. Thomas, who passed on May 17, 2019. The Thomas family fund of the Funds Of Lasting Gifts donations in his name were made by: Jane Hertzog, Kay Bagenstose, Madeline and Richard Bingell, Lucille and David Hamm, The Busy Bee Quilters, Louis and Mary Burdick, Patience and Bruce Stevenson, Jeffrey and Ann Snyder, Veronica and John Fabian, Bonnie Herzog, Philip and Julie Wehr, Charles and Carol Mesics, Cliff and Carol James, Susan and Donald Rumble, Dennis and Denise Rothrock, Dan and Debbie Topp, Donna Christman, Tom and Linda Anderson, Jill Schlosser, Eunice Diehl, Richard and Kathy Bonsell, Larry and Teresa Dalrymple, Richard and Deborah Wenner

Lillian M. Baer, who passed on May 9, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Shirley Schneck, Michael Gallagher and Dee Rothrock, Susan Decker, Annie Kern, Don and Marlene Steffy, Kathy Stofflet, Richard and Deb Wenner, Janice Liscka, Community Fire Co. #1, George and Roseann Horn, Best Insurance Agency, Mark Liscka

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.



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!

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Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
May 5	55	281	N/A	46	382
May 12	60	161	35	39	295
May 19	89	237	21	53	400
May 26	60	84	N/A	N/A	144

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$26,874	\$36,518
Income	\$449,087	\$57,252	\$497,339
Expenses	\$397,523	\$61,036	\$458,559
5-31-2019	\$52,208	\$23,090	\$75,298

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

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
May 2018: 1,234 April 2019: 1,221

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!

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.


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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits		8:30am Bulletin crew	
7 American Heritage Sunday 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ 10:30 Horizon service/ 11:30 Holy Grounds	8	9	10	11	12	13
		6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits	6pm Outdoor Yoga 7pm CE Committee	8:30am Bulletin crew	
14 Outdoor Worship/ Blessing of the Animals 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds 1pm Youth Group hangout	15	16	17	18	19	20
		6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6pm Messy Church in Grove	6pm Outdoor Yoga	8:30am Bulletin crew	
21 Outdoor Worship/10:30 Baptism 10:30 Horizon/ Baptism 11:30 Holy Grounds	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28 Christmas in July 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Outdoor Worship in the Grove 11:30 Holy Grounds	29	30	31			
		6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits			

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				1 6pm Outdoor Yoga 6pm Gerry rehearsal	2 8:30am Bulletin crew	3
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